

A beautifull
Baybush to shrowd
vs from the sharpe
showers of
sinne.

Contapning many nota-
ble prayars and meditations,
being verie profitable for all
true Christians that de-
light to aude the
Lord.

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To the right honourable
& vertuous Ladie, the
Lady Frances, Countesse
of Hertford, his verie
good Lady and
Mistresse.

AS Christian mo-
destie (right ver-
tuous Ladye)
moued a Gen-
tleman the first
authour hereof,
not onely to conceale his name,
but also to cease from setting
foorth any thing in the praise of
that , which in duetie deserueth
to be commended of euerie one:
So Christian iustice & equitie,

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which willeth vs to giue to every
thing his due, woulde not suffer
me to let that passe without some
commendation, whereunto I am
not able sufficiently to giue any.
But considering that sleightly to
commend a thing were the next
way to discōmend it, except with
all it were shrowded vnder the
patronage of some great person,
& thinking it vnmeete to let that
go like an Orphan abroad, which
had a father at home, I presumed
to commit vnto your honourable
patronage not a bare Lawrell,
which of it selfe for the greennes
(when other lye withered) may
seeme to bee accepted, but the
same decked and adorned with
most

Dedicatore.

mo st spirituall and beautiful bushes. So that as I cannot thinke if your L. were presented with a materiall lawrell, (Wherein besides naturall greenes were but this necessarie vse, that it could defend you in your garden from the heat of the Sunne) but you would accept, if not of the gift, yet of the goodwill of the giuer: So relying my selfe on your accustomed fauour and clemencie, I hope you will afforde some fauourable acceptation hereof: For herein is not that grennes, which consisting of naturall qualities, must then wither when al things have their ending according to their nature, but the flourishing

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greene

The Epistle

greene promises of the couenant
of God, (which as God himselfe)
last alwaies immutable and vn-
changeable : here are not the
beautifull bushes of a materiall
tree, which delight onely the out-
ward sight , but a most familiar
view of God himselfe in Christ,
euen to the delight of the soule,
and the inward comfort of the
spirit, which take pleasure only in
heauenly thinges, withstanding
the inuasions and subtile practi-
ses of Sathan , which daily stri-
ueth against them , to bring
them to destruction . To con-
clude , here you are not shrow-
ded from the heat of the Sunne,
but shall finde most coole shade
from

Dedicatorie.

from the parching heat of sinne,
from the which, God in this
life shield & defend you,
& in the life to come
graunt you euer-
lasting rest.

Your honors most hum-
ble and dutifull seruant,

John Wolfe.

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Ianuarie hath xxxi. daies.

23. Termes bigini.

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23. Termes beginne

The xv. day, being the conuertion
of Saint Paul. Faires at Graueg
ende, at York, at Churchingford,
at Northallerton in Yorkshire, where
is kept a faire entie Wednesday from
Easterntide vntill June next follow-
ing.

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Februarie hath xxviii. dayes.

1	D	W	Auger.	Fast.	The first day, a faire at Bromlie.
2	c		Puri. of Manic.		
3	F				The ii. daie. Faires at Bradfordstone, at Bath, at Linne, at Bicklesworth, and at Sudworth.
4	G				
5	F		Glase martyre.		
6	b		Hilbert confessio.		
7	c		Egathe virgin.		
8	D		Emardus bish.		
9	c		Dorothe virgin.		
10	F		Engule virgin.		
11	G		Paul bishop.		
12	3		Appolone virgin.		
13	b		Ecclastice.		
14	c		Eustace virgin.		
15	D		Wulfranc bishop.		
16	c		Wulfranc bishop.		
17	F		Fauslune bishop.		The xxiij. daie. being S. Valentines day, a faire at Fauerham.
18	G		Julian virgin.		Upon Shwoenday, faires at

March hath xxxi, dayes.

1. David bishop.

2. Chadde confess.

3. Martine.

4. Gorian martyr.

5. Idhocas and Eus.

6. Victor & Victor.

7. Perpetue.

8. Jepoline martir.

9. Tape virgin.

10. Gregoric bishop.

11. Gregorius proph.

12. Eudoce mart.

13. Leo bishop.

14. Peter martyr.

15. Longin martyr.

The iii. Sundaye in Lent, at the
Mount, and at Bodmin in Cornwall.

The v. Sundaye in Lent, at Gran-
ham, at Glastonbury, & at Hertsford.

11. The Sunne in Aries.

The xii. day, at Stamford, and at
Dudsbury.

The xii. day at Ware.
The xii. day, a faire at Durham.

16. Quintin martyr.
On the Sabbath before our Ladye

16c	Quintin marty.	On the 9 th of May before our Ladye
17f	Gertrude bish.	day in Lent, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
18g	Edward king.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
19f	Joseph Sp. has.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
20b	Cuthbert bishop.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
21c	Benedict Abbot.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
22d	Wifredo bish.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
23e	Theodore priest.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
24f	Faſt.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
25g	Annum. of Marie.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
26f	Castor mart.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
27c	Ludger bishop.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
28c	Dorothee marty.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
29d	Giscome.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
30c	Sabine virgin.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at
31f	Adeline bishop.	Wimborne, at Wimborne, at Kendal, at

April hath xxx. dayes.

1	5	✓ Theodore burg.	✓ The v. day, at Wallingford.
2	✓ 3	✓ Harry Egyptian.	
3	b	✓ Richard bishop.	✓ The v. day, at Darby.
4	c	✓ Embrose bishop.	✓ The ic. Day, at Bickelsooth, at Will-
5	D	✓ Harcian & Mar-	tingwooth.
6	c	✓ Eccting martyr.	
7	f	✓ Eupheme virg.	
8	✓	✓ Denysse mart.	✓ The r. day, at Evesham in Glou-
9	✓	✓ Perpetius bish.	cestershire.
10	b	✓ Marcus martyr.	✓ The Sunne in Tauris.
11	c	✓ Guthelaake.	
12	D	✓ Apoline martir.	On Tuesday in Easter week, at
13	c	✓ Soother martyr.	Northgate, at Kochford, at Hertchin.
14	f	✓ Cephurt martyr.	
15	g	✓ Edmund bishow	

On Tuesdāy in Easter week, at
Northfleete, at Rochford, at Hitchin.

13 c **Other martyrs.**
14 f **Cyprian martyr.**
15 g **Edmund bishop.**

16 T **Edodec bishop.**
17 b **Genicete bishop.**
18 c **Gleinher bishop.**
19 d **Cyprianus son.**
20 e **Thermogenes.**
21 f **Quintine.**
22 g **Clece bishop.**
23 h **George martyr.**
24 b **Wolfrude confess.**
25 c **Marke Evangelist.**
26 d **Zenaface bishop.**
27 e **Citalig martyr.**
28 f **Peter of Giulian.**
29 g **Clete bishop.**
30 h **Dep. of Erken.**

The third sondāy after Eāse, at
Louth.
The tri. day, at Stabford.
Upon Sāme Georges day, sayres
at Charing, at Ipswich, at Cam-
woth, at Finchil, at Hunningham, at
Gifford, at Sain: Dombes in Conn-
swell.
25. S. Marke Evangelist. At Dar-
bie, at Dommore in Essex.

The reb̄. day, at Tendrden in Kent.

Maie hath. xxxi. daies.

1 b Philip and Jacob.

2 c Athanasius bish.
3 d Jnu. of the croise.

4 e Christopher.
5 f Goddard archbif.

6 g John pozt latin.

7 h John of Weuert.

8 i Jippe. of Bichel.

9 c Cran. of Sticho.

10 d Gordaine.

11 e Pandrasus martyr.

12 f Victorinus martyr.

13 g Glycerius com.

14 h Boniface mart.

15 i Sophia virgin.

Philip and Jacob, at Rippon at Pe-
rin in Connewall, at Dicstry in Wales,
at Leffield in Suffolke, at Lecester, at
Wickhill, at Stowme the olde, at Bea-
dinge, at Maidstone in Kent, at Chense-
ford in Giffor, at Blackbone in Lan-
cashire.

The iii. daye, at Eistow, at Eam-
pard, at Herimgham.

The viii at Benerlep, at Fenton.

16 c Bradon bishop.

17 d Urban of Bann.

18 e Orford.

16 c	W ^z andon bishop.	The vii at Wherley, at Neweton.
17 D	Gran. of Barn.	at Orford.
18 e	Dioscor. martyr.	I 2. The Sunne in Gemini.
19 f		
20 g	Dunston confess.	On Whitson even, at Scipton in
21 f	Barardine.	Crauen.
22 b	Helene Queen.	On Ascencion day, at Newcastle, at
23 c	Petronill.	S. Edes, at Chappelstrith.
24 d	Julian virgin.	Whonday in Whitson weke, at Nge-
25 e	Desiderie martyr.	mundsham, at Ercester, at Wadford,
26 f	Idelme con.	at Rigate, at Burton.
27 g	Augusline con.	Teusday in Whitson weke, at
28 h	Germaine bish.	Rochfonth, and at Canterbury.
29 b	Hicomede.	On Trinitie Sunday, at Kendall, & at
30 c	Corane martyr.	Koxel.
31 d	Felix bishop.	

June hath xxx. dayes.

1	e	St. Egidius.	The ix. day, at Maidstone in Kent.
2	e	St. Basil.	
3	g	St. Cercell martyr.	II. The Sunne in Cancer.
4	b	Petroius confess.	
5	c	St. Boniface bishop.	Chri. St. Barnabe, the longest
6	d	Medardus & Gui.	day in the yere, at Okngham, at
7	e	Trans. Edmund.	Newbrough, at Marfield, at Holt in
8	c	Yuan confess.	Wales.
9	f	Trans. Wulstan.	
10	g	St. Barnab. apost.	The xxiiii. at Shicoburie, at Shibong.
11	a		
12	b	Antonie con.	The xxvii. at Hesham, at Wake-
13	c	Hasuides con.	field, at Colchester, at Reading, at
14	d		Bedford, at Barnetocli, at Crans-
15	e	Ute modeste.	

June 12. and
Ute modeste. at Lincoln, at

16 f	Trans. Richard.	brooke, at Gloc ester, at Lincoln, at
17 g	Wotoloph confess.	Peterborough, at Windsoz, at Har-
18 h	Gruperic bishop.	stone, at Lancast cr, at Westchesser, at
19 i	Geruagus mar.	Hallifax, at Fishb orne.
20 c	Ernan. Edward.	
21 d	Walburge burg.	24. S. John Baptist, at Colchester,
22 e	Albane marty.	at Wakefield.
23 f		25. The erbin, at Folkestone.
24 g		26. John Baptist.
25 h		27. Tran. of Elegie.
26 i		28. John and Paul.
27 c		29. Crescens marit.
28 d		30. Fast.
29 e		Peter and Paul.
30 f		Comine. Paul.

Iulie hath xxxi. dayes.

1	b	D ^r John ^W ap.		
2	b	W ^l l ^l ista of ^W harp.	The ii. day, at Congerton, at ^W ilton	
3	b	Trans. Tho. ^W yo.	Underline.	
4	c	Trans. of ^W hurtis.		
5	b	Oct of ^W alter.		
6	e	3oc burg. mart.		
7	f	Depo. Grinbal		
8	g	Crill bishop.		
9	g	3 ^l hit. brethren ma.		
10	b	Dog dayes begin.		
11	c	Stabot and ffelic.		
12	b	Trans. of ^W enedi.	The ii. day, at Tertbury, at North-	
13	c	Diviate marti.	bridge in Cheshire, at Cheswick, at	
14	f	Trans. Osmond.	Tirbridge, at Marbrough, at Win-	
15	g	Reneline king.	chester, and at Colchester.	

11	b	St Eustachii.
12	b	St Arnulph martyr.
13	c	St Ursula and 13000.
14	c	St Margarete virgin.
15	d	St Margaret virgin.
16	e	St Polinare virgin.
17	f	St Polinare virgin.
18	g	St Mary Magdalene.
19	g	St Mary Magdalene.
20	h	St Christine virgin.
21	i	Faull.
22	j	James apostle.
23	k	James the lesser.
24	l	James the greater.
25	m	James the apostle.
26	n	James the virgin.
27	o	James the sleepers.
28	p	James son bishop.
29	q	James & his fellow.
30	r	Abdon and Sen.
31	s	German bishop.

26. James apostle. At St. James beside London, at Dover, at Gisbou, at Ipswich, at Derby, at Northampton, at Eddle in Staffordshire, at Reading, at Walmsbury, at Thilham at Louth, at Liverpoole, at Chichester, at Aldergam.

27. Theredi at Canterbury, at Richmonde in the North, at Northam.

August hath. xxxi. daies.

1 c	Lammes daie.	On Lammes day, St feuerham, at
2 D	Stephen bishop.	S . Edes, at E ccesfer, at Dunstable,
3 e	Finding of S te.	at W edford, at S oham Church, at
4 f	Justine priest.	Wibich, at Y ork, at R oume, at F ew-
5 g	Festum misis.	ton in Lancashire.
6 h	Trans. of Chirst.	
7 b	Feast of J esu.	
8 c	Ciriacus & his fel.	T he r. day, at Waltham, at W lack-
9 d	Romane marty.	more, at W edsford, at W alton, at H unger-
10 e	Laurence marty.	ford, at C rety, at W eo W ainford, at
11 f	Eburte marty.	S aint Lawrence, by W odswin.
12 g	Clare virgin.	
13 h	Dpolite virgin.	
14 b	Erati. a crucie.	
15 c	Nism. of Mary.	

16 d
17 e

15. The Sunne in Virgo.

16 D **K**och'e marty.

17 e **O**ta. Lawrence.

18 f **M**agnus mart.

19 g **S**ernard confess.

20 h **D**og dayes end.

21 i **L**emus marty.

22 c **O**ta. astump.

23 d **T**imothe. Fast.

24 e **B**arth. apostle.

25 f **L**comes king.

26 g **S**ecurine.

27 h **A**ngulfine con.

28 b **J**ohns beheading.

29 c **R**ufine marty.

30 d **F**elix & **B**landice

31 e **C**athberd virg.

13. The Sunne in Virgo.

Etherb. day, at Carlile, at Don-
mon in Essex, at Preston, at Wake-
field the two Ladie dailes.

17. Dog dayes ende.

24. Bartholomew apost. at London,
at Canterbury, at Cantwich, at Egg-
ger's bush beside Rie, at Sudburie, at
Sopwith, at Poorthalerton, at Do-
uer, at Rie, at Bromly.

The xxii. at Ashford.

September hath xxx. daies.

1 F 5. **Antonius** myrt.

2 F 5. **Lupus**, bishop.

3 F 5. **Erastus** of Cuthbert.

4 F 5. **Ubertine** Abbot

5 F 5. **Eugenius** confest.

6 F 5. **Genarius** bishop.

7 F 5. **Flati** of **Dair**.

8 F 5. **Flilius** bishop.

9 F 5. **Georgius** mart.

10 F 5. **Georgius** & **Facint.**

11 F 5. **Hartman.**

12 F 5. **Trinitati.**

13 F 5. **Holp Wood.**

14 F 5. **Lambert** mart.

15 F 5. **Genitius**.

16 F 5. **The 1. day, at 5. **Giles** in the bath.**

17 F 5. **The viii. day, at 5. **Giles** in the bath.**

18 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

19 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

20 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

21 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

22 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

23 F 5. **Southwarke**, at

24 F 5. **Edith** buringe.

25 F 5. **Edith** dey, being hole woodde.

16 g Edith Virgine.
 17 f Gomothicus.
 18 b Clitor & Coton.
 19 c Janarie mart.
 20 D Fast.
 21 e Mathew Apostle.
 22 f Maricu.
 23 g Cecia Virgini.
 24 f Judeo) us mur.

25 b furmin bishop.
 26 c Crizian & Jul.
 27 d Cosme & Dam.
 28 e Cuperie bishop.
 29 f Michael Archan.
 30 g Jerom preest.

14. The Sunne in Libra.

Mathew Apost. At Harborough,
 at Bedforde, at Croiden, at Hitting-
 bone, at Dout, at Shrewoodurie,
 29. Michael Archangel, At Canter-
 burie, at Blacxborne, at Westchester,
 at Cokermouth, at Leuester.

October hath xxxi. daies.

1. **R**emigius bish.

2. **L**ecodagare mart.

3. **C**andidie mart.

4. **S**francis mart.

5. **F**aith virgin.

6. **G**ertrudis.

7. **G**hartie & **H**arc.

8. **T**apolonaris mart.

9. **b**ertragi virgin

10. **c**linus confessor.

11. **D**enys & his fel.

12. **e**stichasmus bish.

13. **f**ulfridus bish.

14. **g**ertr. **h**o. king.

15. **j**ulian bish.

1. **E**the iiiij. day, at **S**hichel.

2. **E**the vi. day at **S**. **F**aithes besedes
Suffolk, at **H**aidstone.

3. **E**the viii. day, at **H**aruord, at **H**er=
brough, & at **B**ishop **S**toxford.

4. **O**n **S**aturday day, at **G**raues
erd, at **M**arshfield, at **W**indsor, at
Colchester, at **C**haring, at **W**oiston.

14. The Sunne in **S**corpio.

15. **L**uke Euang. at **E**ly, at **W**ickle,
zipan, at **T**hirst, at **F**riswides in
Dorford, at **T**isdale, at **B**udgenorþ,

18. Luke Euang. at Elie, at Wickle,
at Wigan, at Thurst, at Fristwides in
Orford, at Tisdale, at Budgenorth,

13 f Wilfride bish.
14 g Cran. & d. king.
15 h Galtz bishop.

16 b Wolfran bishop.
17 c Michael of the mo.
18 d Luke Euangelist.
19 e Etheldreda vir.
20 f Frideswide vir.
21 g Justeberte vir.
22 h xi. H. burgues.
23 b Mary Salome.
24 c Romaine bishop.
25 d Hagiote bishop.
26 e Crispine & Cris.

27 f Fast.

28 g Simon & Jude.

29 h Hartcraig bish.

30 b Germaine confess.

31 c Fast.

The xxi. day, at Haaffron Walden, as
S. cœ. Marker, at Hertsforð, at Eceter,
at Stokeley.

On all Saintes euen, at Wakefield,
at Rithen.

Nouember hath xxx, dayes.

1	v	All Saincs.	All Saincs.
2	c	III Saincs.	
3	f	Moncrafde virgin.	The ii. day at Eglehinglie, at King-
4	g	Imantung.	stone, and at Harfield.
5	z	lete priest.	The vi. day, being St. Leonarde
6	b	Leonard.	daye, at Haiforth, at Startie, at
7	c	Vilbroke.	Eregne, at Newporpong,
8	d	fewer crowned.	
9	e	Theodore.	The x. day at Lenton.
10	f	Hartine.	The xi. daye, at Marlborough, at
11	g	Marthine bishop.	Douer.
12	z	Wise bishop.	
13	b	Paterne martyr.	I.3. The Sunne in Sagittarius.
14	c	Erkenwo.	2. The Mornys burie.
15	d	Hacute bishop.	at Gifford.

17. The Mornys burie, at L. 2. The Mornys burie.
at Gifford.

13. The Sunne in Sagittarius.

14 c Erkenw.
15 d Hacutte bishoh.

17	e	Init. regn: Elizab.	18	g	Oct. Martine.	19	d	Elizabeth marty.	20	b	Edmond king.	21	c	Pref: of Thar: v.	22	d	Circl: vng.	23	c	Clement marty.	24	f	Grisogon martyr.	25	g	Katherine vng.	26	d	Line marty.	27	b	Gatales confess.	28	c	Hunfus marty.	29	d	Saturnini. Faſt.	30	e	Andrew Apostle.
		at Wilford.			at Gilford.			at Dorſham.			at Low, at Hide.			The xii. day, at Dorſham.			The xii. day, being S. Edmunds day, at Huytch, at Fingerſtone.			The xiii. day, at Sandwich.			At Colingboſongh, at Rochester, at Peterfield, at Maidenhed, at Wendle, at Bed-			Andrew Apostle. At Colingboſongh, at Rochester, at Peterfield, at Maidenhed, at Wendle, at Bed-															

December hath xxxi. daies.

1	f	Elegie bishop.	The v. day, a faire at Plucklie.
2	g	Libane marty.	The vi. day, at Spalding, at Arne=
3	h	Dep. of Osmond.	dale, at Shinock, at Exeter, at North=
4	b	Barbara virgin.	Swith in Cheshire.
5	c	Abba bishop.	The vii. day, at Sandhurſt.
6	d	Nicholas bishop.	
7	e	Dot. Andew.	The viii. day being the conception
8	f	Conc. of Mary.	of the Virgine Marie, at Clithcraill
9	g	Cyprian bishop.	in Lancashire, & at Whalpagn in Cheshire.
10	h	Eutalie virgin.	
11	b	Antippe.	
12	c	Damasc confesſ.	
13	d	Lucie virgin.	
14	e	Sticasius virgin.	
15	g	O Sapientia.	
16	h	Lazarus confesſ.	
17	b	The Sunnes in Canicorne.	

12	C	Wintere Whiche.
13	D	Lucie bирgine.
14	E	Nicasius bирain.

16 G

17 J
D

Lazarus confess.

18 b
Gracian bishop.

19 c
Genetia bирgin.

20 D
Fast.

21 e
Thomas Apostle.

22 F
Euseb. martyres.

23 G
Eustox bирgin.

24 F
Fast.

25 b
Christmas day.

26 c
Stephan martyr.

27 d
John Euangelist.

28 e
Innocents day.

29 f

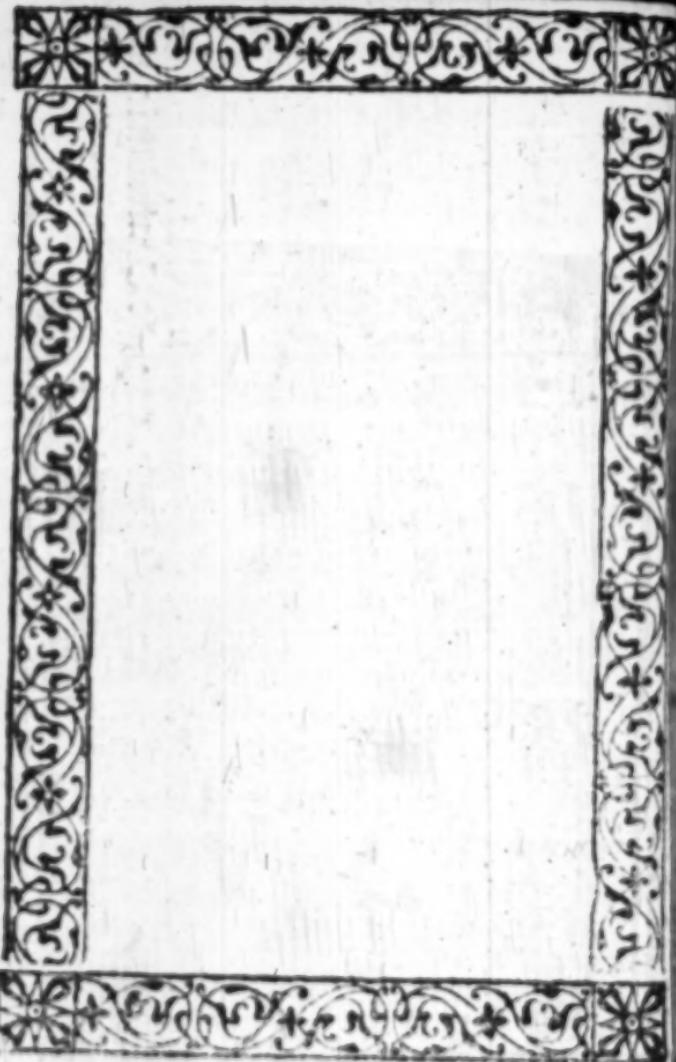
30 g
Trans. of James.

31 J
Suluester mart.

13. The Sunne in Capricornus.

13. Lucie, the shoritest day in the yere.

The xxix. day, at Canterbury, at
Salisbury.



A beautifull Baybush.

A prayer for morning.

Glorious God and
deare Father, wee
yield unto thee from
the bottome of our
hearts most humble
thankes, in that it hath pleased
thee not onely to defend and pre-
serue vs this night from all our
enimies both ghostly & bodilie:
but also of thy fatherly pitie to
gaine unto these our earthlie and
languishing bodies, such suffi-
cient sleepe and rest, as hath satisfie-
ed the earnest desire of our weak
& feeble nature. And as thou of
thy mercie hast safelie brought

C

vs

A beautifull

vs to the beginning of this pre-
sent day, and shewed vs the light
theresf: so wee humbly beseech
thee (O God) graunt that our
soules may be spirituallie light-
ned with the brightness of thy
word & sacred mysteries, where-
by we may walke in the steppes
of christianitie, lead a life agreea-
ble to our vocation in Christ Je-
sus our Lord. Alst vs also with
thy grace & holie spirit O God,
that we may never shinke from
th^e for anie earthlie tormentes,
but diligently applie our selues
to the performance of thy will,
and giue our selues wholie ther-
unto, hauing a strong and sted-
fast faith in the truth of thy pro-
mises,

mis. Indue vs with wisedome
from aboue, that we may dailie
increase in the fulnes of our sa-
uiour Christ. Behold vs with
the eie of thy mercie, and bouch-
safe to defend vs that comit our
selues wholie vnto thee both
now and evermore. Gine vnto
vs a heart alwaies affected to ho-
nor thee, a mind euer meditating
of thy righteousness, and a spirite
burning with zeale of thy wor-
ship, that we maie warilie stand
vpon our gard, and never yelde
to the trechery of the aduersarie:
Blesse and prosper our enterpri-
ses O Lord, that whatsoeuer we
take in hand, we may by thy di-
rection vring it to good successe.

A beautifull
and euermore praise thy holie
name for thy gracious assistance
and singular goodnes: grant this
O father for Iesus Christ his
sake our onely savior and redee-
mer.

An Euening prayer.

God God the creator and
maker of all mankind, see-
ing it hath pleased thee of
thy deuine prouidence to ordaine
the night as a meane to deliuer
vs from the trauailes of the dar,
and to minister ease and gladnes
to the wearied luns of our bo-
dies, to the great comfort and re-
freshing of the same by the frui-
tion

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3

tion of quiet sleepe & rest accor-
ding to humane nature , we be-
seech thee therfore O Lord of thy
vnspeakable goodness and mercy,
to be our watchman & defender
this night , that we be not ouer-
come by fantasies, drieames, or o-
ther illusions : but that through
thy permission we may take such
quiet rest and voluntarie sleepe
as nature requireth, and though
our grosse senses are at such
times stopped , yet bouchsafe e-
uer to graunt vs the assistance
of thy grace and holy spirit, that
our soules may respect the com-
ming of thy sonne our saviour Ie-
sus Christ , that at what tune
so euer he calleth we maie be

A beautifull
sound watchfull, and continual-
lie readie to performe his will,
that after this life ended we may
eternallie rest in glorie : and as
the brightness of the sunne doth
in the morning dispense the darke
cloudes and thicke mistes from
the face of the earth, whereby the
same was before couered with
darknesse : so wee humble be-
seech thee vouchsafe to disperse
and burie our sinnes (in the
bloud and obedience of thy deare
sonne) which do as it were sha-
dow vs from the bright beames
of thy fauorable countenance,
and euermore assist vs with thy
gratiouse goodnesse , that our
sleepe may be so healthfull vnto
vs,

vs, that we with willing mindes
arising in the morning maie vt-
terly shake off al maner of drow-
sines, and make hast to exercise
our selues in such Christian la-
bours as thy dittine prouidence
hath ordeneid vs vnto, to the ad-
uancement and renowme of thy
holie name, credit of thy church,
comfort & relieve of our chytil-
ian brethren, and our euclastinge
saluacion. In mercie grant this
O Lord we beseech thee for Je-
sus Christ his sake our onely re-
deemer and sauicour, vnto whom
with thee and the holy Ghost be
all power and dominion for euer.
Amen.

Twentic

A beautifull
Twentie and one godlie and ne-
cessarie praiers, gathered out of
the Cxix. Psalme, wherein are
contained petitions crauing
aide of Gods spirit against Sa-
than and all wickednes: com-
plaints against the rage of the
vngodly: thanksgivinge for our
deliuernace, & consolations in
aduersitie, for that God both
can and will assist his people.
The prayers are according to
the number of the letters in
this sentence following.

GOD SAVE QVEENE
ELIZABETH.

1. A Prayer

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I. A Prayer for the assistance of
Gods holie spirit for to direct
our mindes after his
holie lawes.

G

Gracious God so blesse me
I beseech thee , thy poore
seruant, that out of the hid-
den treasures of thy word , I
may gather such fruitful delites
tha : I may walk vprightly, and
lead a blamelesse life in thy light,
in keeping those precepts which
thou O Lord God hast therem
appointed . Oh how blessed are
those that obserue thy statutes
vnto the end , seeking thee with
a pure hart and carefullie obey-
ing

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ing thy eternall maiestie, may it
please thee therefore so to guide
my waies that I quaille not in
my course, neither bend my selfe
to follow after vnrighteousnes,
but faithfullie perseuer in that
perfect path which thou hast en-
clined me vnto, out of thy holy
word: and thou being a righte-
ous and everlasting God, doest
not command me to follow anie
thing which is not lawfull in thy
sight, nor redounding to my sal-
uation. Erect my hart continu-
allie to the contemplation of thy
blessed lawes, whereby my dea-
lings may be ordered through
thy gouernance that I may imi-
tate and carefullie keepe the
same

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6

same al the dayess of my life with
zeale and obedience towards thy
divine maiestie , then shall all
things according to thy will, goe
well with me, and I shall turne
mine eyes to behold that thing
which is good and laudable in
thy sight , yea & euermore wor-
ship thee with an vpright mind,
in spirit and truth as becommeth
thy child, without al dissimulati-
on & hypocrise. Lord I am fully
purposed to keepe thy statutes,
euен by the direction of thy
spirit , for my trust re-
steth in the.

2. A

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A prayer to withstand the
frailtie of flesh & cleaue
vnto the Lord.

O

Guerne and direct me O
Lorde according to thy
word, that I may order
my life by the rule thereof, & by
the direction of thy holie spirite
diligently obserue those things
whiche thou hast commanded me:
I haue sought thee O God with
my whole hart, let me not there-
fore goe astray from thee. And
though by frailtie of my flesh I
haue vnauidisly heretofore falē
from thee, yet I beseech thee of
thy endles mercie, stay me that I
be

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7

be not cast downe for euer , and
quicken me that I wander not
ante longer from thy preceptes:
unite my minde to thy sacred mi-
steries, that I may lay vp thine
everlasting promyses in my hart,
lest through the vaine entise-
ments of my ghostly enimies, I
be enforced to forget & negligent-
lie (for want thereof) to offend
thy divine maiestie : for except
thou O Lord which art altoge-
ther mercie, dost guide and teach
mee to leade my life aright,
truly my weaknesse would not
permit mee to ioy , or preuaile
in that which is good, teach mee
therefore O Lord zealouslie to
keepe thy statutes that I may
boldly

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boldlie speak to the laud & praise
of thy name , and openlie shew
forth thy holie wold and blessed
will , graunt that I may take
more delight in the keeping of
thy exhortations & commandeme-
nts , then in all maner of earth-
ly treasures , and may meditate
continuallie in thy precepts , en-
due me with heauenly wisdome ,
that I may vnderstand thy
lawes aright , & be euermore oc-
cupied therin vnto my liues end .
Amen .

3. A prayer to be guided in all
puritie and godlinesse .

D.

G Iue eare I most humbly be-
sech the O Lord vnto the
prayers

prayers that I offer here vnto
thy diuine maiestie . Continue
thy fauor towards me , in direc-
ting me with thy holy spirit, that
I may ouercome that which sa-
uoureth of euil , & embrase those
things which thou hast coman-
ded. Abandon from the iyes of
my soule , the vale of darknesse,
that I may view and behold the
true light, and see those wonder-
ful secrets which euermore shine
out of thy heauenly doctrine, and
lead my life in quietnes , to thy
honour & glorie. Thou knowest
that I am a straunger, and una-
quainted on the earth, and that I
desire to bee brought to another
place , even to thy heauenlie ha-
bitation,

A beautifull
bitation: wherfore I beseech thee
O God encline thine eare to-
wards me, hide not from me thy
statuts, neither yet take thy holy
spirit from me, that should lead
me to embrace thy righteousness.
I am desirous with great care
to liue according to thy lawes, &
to keepe thine ordinance, both in
prosperitie & aduersitie, wherfore
O Lord I beseech thee, let this
zeale consume me. Thoure bukest
and destroyest the proud persons
and such as stubbornly straine a-
gainst thee, and appointest de-
struction and bitternes vnto
those that refuse to keepe thy
precepts. Though all men enuy
me and haue mee in despight for
the

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9

the truthes sake, yet thou in thy
good time wilt remoue them far
rom me, because I thy humble
seruant do put my trust in thee,
let my mind & hart be euermore
occupied in meditating on thy
statuts, for therin is my delight.

4 A prayer in affliction.

S

God God of thine infinite
mercie, I beseeche thee,
poure vpon me the oyle of
thy grace, whose soule is grie-
uously tormented with daily af-
flictions, for I am like one with-
out life and fastened to the sepul-
chre, but my trust is in thee O
my god God, that thou wil as-

D

sist

A beautifull
Assist me in my necessitie, and re-
store me thy poore seruant, vnto
life againe, that I may laud and
praise thy holie name euē in the
middest of the congregation, for
euer and euer. Quicken me I
say according to thy word. I wil
open vnto thee my complaints :
giue eare therefore vnto me, and
still encourage me in the way of
thy truth, and teach me thy sta-
tutes. Enflame my hart with the
loue of thy spisedom, & raise me
up that am now fallen, for my
soule melteth away for very hea-
viness. Exempt from me what-
soeuer may withdraw me from
thy lawes, and graunt that I
may continue in that good way
which

which thou hast imprinted in my hart. Giue vnto mee I beseech the a willing & zealous minde, to cleave fast vnto those thinges which are approued by thy testimonies, and that I never shrink from the, so shall I not be confounded: drawe mee out of the straights of sin, into the euident and broad place of righteousness, that I may finish the whole course of my life by the instinct & direction of thy holy spirit, and this life being ended, I may for euer enjoy thy eternall saluation, through my Lord and Savior Christ Iesus.

A beautifull
A prayer against the assaults
of Sathan.

A

Guide mee O Lord in the
way of thy statutes, that I
may euer order my life ac-
cording to the rule therof by the
prudent direction of thy holie
spirite, without the which my
insufficiencie shal not be once a-
ble to performe the same in thy
sight: and euermore assist mee
with the knowlege of thy word,
that I may fully with vnder-
standing obserue and keepe the
same with my whole hart. In-
struct me daily O God that am
now entred into the way of thy
precepts, quench in my mind the
desire

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11

desire of filthie loure, couetous-
nes, & vsurie, whiche woulde draw
me to all sinne and iniquite, and
incline my hart to those things
that may please thee best, that I
imbracing þ same sincerely, may
fructifie in good workis & new-
nes of life, to thy glorie. O my
good God, keepe backe mine eyes
that they be not deceiued with
the enticing shewes of lewd va-
nities, that woulde withdraw me
from the bright beames of thy
incomparable maiestie, lead me
O Lord into the true life, that I
may zealously follow thee my
guide, confirme me in thy truthe
as thou hast promised, turne a-
way reproches and shame from

D 3 me,

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me, because I feare and loue thy
iudgements, & I desire nothing
more then the encrease of thy
grace, and the keeping of thy
commandements: saue me there-
fore O Lord, and keepe me both
now and euermore, that I never
haue occasion to sin against thee,
but that I may stil trust, and e-
uermore depend vpon thy mer-
cies to be defended from al dan-
gers.

6 A praier for persuerance in the
right way of godlines.

V

Garde mee on euery syde O
Lord with thy louing kind-
nes & omnipotent power,
and

and graunt me thy saluation,
wherby I may be defended from
all my enimies and be able to an-
sweare them in thee my saviour, for
I doe wholie depend vpon thy
wordes, let me not be assaulted
with deadly inturies, neither let
me in my afflictions bee vnpati-
ent, let not the truth of thy holie
word bee taken or estranged
from me, but let my mouth still
set forth thy glorie: quicken mee
therfore in thy lawe, for I doe
wait for thy iudgements vpon
the vngodlie, and I will keepe
the doctrine whiche thou hast gi-
uen me for euer and euer, and
walke at libertie with a quiet
mind, because thou hast indued

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me with a desire to thy commandments, graunt that I never
shinke from thy truth, but with all boldnes of spirit endeuor my
selfe to dispute of those things
that concerne thy law, euen be-
fore the mightie princes of the
earth, let my whole delight bee
in thy precepts O Lord, which
are most deare vnto me, and in-
crease my zeale in thy word, for
I haue loued it with my whole
hart above all earthly felicitie, I
will lift vp my handes vnto thee,
and before thy face will I pre-
sent my selfe, beseeching thee to
endue me with thy grace & ho-
ly spirite, that I may walke in
thy light according to the pre-
scribed

scribed rule of thy precepts that
thou hast shewed me, and fixe my
whole delight & comfort for euer
in meditating vpon thy statutz,
O God that liuest for euer.

7 A prayer for patient abiding
Gods good p'efasure.

V

Graunt that I by experi-
ence may perceiue that
thou art mindfull O God
of those things, which thou hast
spoken vnto me thy seruant, and
dost command me to trust in: for
in al my miseries this is my sted-
fast comfort, that thou wilst in
thy good time both help and suc-
cor thy seruant that trusteth in
thee:

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thee: for though the proud and
vngodly person haue me in deri-
sion for thy names sake, yet will
I euer depend vpon thy holie
wordes, for thy promises haue
quickened me. & when I thinke
vpon the mercies whiche thou
hast shewed vnto me in puni-
shing them according to their de-
serts, I am indued with great
comfort: thou knowest O God
what feare encloseth me. when
I heare the wicked blasphemie
thy holie name, and forsake thy
divine precepts, being by thy
spirit enformed of the euils that
hang ouer their heads, let thy
statuts Lord be my delight, that
during the time of my wearie
pil-

pilgrimage, in this earthly tabernacle. I may never cease to sound thy praises with zealous harmonie, but set my whole care in the commemoration and calling upon thy holie name and watchfully thinke how I may behauie my selfe to keape thy lawes, for at midnight haue I receted my mind vnto thee, and haue not ceased at all times to poure out my prayers before the which thy spirit hath motioned me vnto, because I haue alwaies had an especiall care to keape the precepts which thou hast appoyn-
ted me.

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8 A consolation that God hath
holpen vs, and a prayer for
his grace so to continue.

God God, thou art my portion and the expected lande of my inheritance, graunt therefore that I may haue thy wrod to direct me, and when I poure forth my prayers before thee, with sped I beseech thee give care vnto me, & vouchsafe to assist mee with thy holie spirit, and according to thy promises (vowed vnto thy seruants) haue mercie vpon me; let me not be inclined at any time to forget thy goodness, but continually

nually quicken me in thy truth
and graunt me O Lord God
such an vnderstanding hart that
I never swarue from thy testi-
monies, but endeuour my selfe
with all speede to the keeping of
thy comandements: instruct
me continually more and more,
and defend me from the noysom
snares of the wicked that con-
spire against me and intend to
supprese in me the good bles-
sings which thou hast lent me.
At midnight will I rise to giue
thanks vnto thee in commemo-
ration of thy great kindness shew-
ed vnto me, and with true
zeale will I frequent thy temple
to praise thee for thine aboun-
dant

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dant graces extended vnto mee,
for thou of thy mercie hast bles-
sed me in all my doings, deliue-
red me out of troubles, & euer-
more defended mee from mine e-
nemis. Let mee put no trust in
the vngodly, but let mee toyne
with such as feare thes, and haue
a loue to thy statutes: the earth
O Lord is replenished with thy
endles mercie, O teach mee thy
lawes wherin I ought to walk.

9 An acknowledgement of gods
mercie, & that by affliction man
is taught true wisdom.

V

G Raciouslly in mercy hast thou
dealt with me thy poore obe-
dient.

dient servant according to thy word, yet further I deuise thee
O Lorde, that thou wouldest
teach me that true and sincere
knowledg ioyned with iudgement,
that I may discerne all
things aright, as it were by ta-
sting a sauorie thing: for vpon
thy commandementes doe I de-
pend. Before I was tamed by
the efficacie of thy rod, I wan-
dered to and fro, but now am I
quickned, & haue learned there-
by to obey thy commandementes,
be gracious vnto me O Lorde,
and teach me thy statutes. The
vngodlie haue euer practised mis-
chief against me, but haue fai-
led, so that I endeuored my self
to

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to keepe thy commandments, &
they thus neglecting their cal-
ling, and being puffed vp with
the vaine estimation of them-
selues, are become dull and foo-
lish, but in thy law is my whole
delight, and therein wil I medi-
tate all the day long. It was
therefore for my commodity that
thou didst chasten me, for that I
zealously doe learne to imitate
thy statuts, for the doctrine and
precepts that thou hast by thine
owne mouth reuealed before the
face of thy people, and deliuered
vnto me, is of more estimation
then the finest pearle, or greatest
heapes of golde. Therefore O
Lord, direct me thy poore ser-
uant,

uant, with thy holie spirite, that
this thy sacred worde may be so
firmely and effectually grafted in
my heart that I may cleaue vnto
thee for euer.

10 A Prayer to be strengthned
in well doing.

E

Give vnto mee that am the
worke of thy handes I be-
sech thee O God such vnder-
standing, and so continue thy fa-
vourable mercies daily towardes
thy seruant, that I may learne
thy commandementes, so shall it
come to passe that all they which
scare thee, shall reioyce at my
state, and gue due thanks vnto

E

thee

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thee that hast in mercie vouch-
saed to preserue mee who haue
alwaies trusted in thes , and by
experience I finde that thou O
Lord dost nothing vniustlie in
visiting my offences with thy
scourges, for thy iudgements are
upright and nothing repugnant
to thy truth , but let thy mercie
be ever readie to comfort me ac-
cording to thy promises , let thy
endlesse mercie be ever present,
that my spirite may bee reuined,
and that I never faint vnder
thy fatherly hand, seeing that thy
doctrine doth euermore delight
me, and that therein is my conti-
nuall exercise . Let the vngodly
be ashamed and altogether fru-
strate

strate of their intent, who deale frowardly with thy seruant, and pretend the ruine of my zeale, and let mee safelie meditate on thy commaundements, that all such as feare and loue thee unfaidly may be comforted by my example. Wherefore I humblie beseech thee O God increase my knowledge in thy statutes, that I may keepe the same with a pure & upright heart to my soules health: and graunt O my good God, that I never be ashamed of thy eternall trueth, but that I maie perseuerre therein vnto the ende.

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II A lamentable petition for
aide in meere distresse.

E

One is my strength O Lord
and my soule fainteth because
of thy saluation whiche I dailie
expect yet will I still waite for
my deliueraunce because of thy
promise graunted vnto mee out
of thy sacred word, yea, mine eies
do faule me for the long looking
after those thinges whiche thou
hast spoken vnto mee, and I do
quaile vnder my heauie burthen:
I am constrained oftentimes to
expresse my miserie in these
wordes, alas, alas, why doest
thou not quickelie come and
comfort me. I am like a bottel
dried

dried in the smoake, for very heauiness and anguish of my soule,
yet do I not forget thy euangeling promyses and statutes, how
long shal my grieke endure: And when shall the sorrowfull daies
of thy seruant cease: Shall not thy punishments procede against
them that persecute mee: The enunies of my soule digge pittes
and laie snares for me, contrarie to thy lawe. All thy preceptes O
Lorde are true, though the wicked in their furie doe persecute
me, and go about to seeke the deceipte of my zeale. Wherefore O
Lord in thy good time helpe mee that unworthilie am oppressed,
and although they haue cast mee

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downe and almost brought me
to naught, yet haue I not forsa-
ken thy precepts , erect & restore
me to life, O my good God, euen
for the singular loue that thou
bearest vnto thy seruants , that
I may obserue the thinges that
thou hast appointed mee out of
thy holie worde , and carefullie
kepe them for euermore. Graunt
this O father for Iesu Christ
his sake our onely Sauiour and
redaemer, Amen.

12 An extolling of Gods vn-
speakable goodnes with thanks-
giuing for his mercie
shewed,

N

Good

God God, why shoulde I
seeme to doubt of the cer-
taintie of thy promises, seeing
thou art altogether righteousnes
and the w^rorde doth endure for e-
uer in heauen. Yea, thy truith I
knowe assuredly shall never faile
in anie age, for the vertie bodie of
the earth doth so abide as it was
established by the myghtie hande
of thy power vpon her foundati-
on, and all other things. O Lord
do so continue & euidently stande
as they were ordeined with thee
from the beginning both in qua-
litie and estate obeying thee as
their Lord. Nowe therefore O
God giue me an vnderstanding
heart, that I may faithfully loue

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and obey thee, for except I had
trusted in thee and had a delight
in thy law, I had bene enuironed
with destruction in my troubles,
being plunged in the net of cala-
mities. Let me not therefore O
Lord forget thy eternal precepts,
for in obseruynge of them I am
restored to life. Haue me there-
fore for I am thine, & make me
perfect in thy statutes, so shall I
stil meditate in thy precepts and
with zeale seeke and loue thy
commaundementes, though the
wicked go about to destroye my
soule, yet do I yeelde my minde
to be occupied in thy statutes for
I see that all thinges here on
earth be they never so perfect
and

and absolute are brought to an
ende: neuerthelesse thy preceptes
and holie worde, are prolonged
without measure and endure for
euer and euer wylde without
ende. Amen.

13 A worthie meditation and
joyfulnes for receiuing true
vnderstanding.

E

Beat is my loue vnto the sa-
cred words of thy mouth O
lord. yea I consume whole daies
in meditating vpon the same, and
I do finde by experiance that I
haue not done this in vaine, see-
ing that by thy preceptes I haue
proued to be much wiser then all

E 5

my

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my aduersaries, yea and thou O
my God hast giuen mee an vnder-
standing heart, in feeling thy
goodnes towardes me, and euer
making thy testimonies my me-
ditation, yea thou hast quickned
mee and made mee moxe skilfull
than the graue men of vnder-
standing, because I was bent to
knowe thy preceptes, and encli-
ned to keepe them in deede, for I
helde backe my feete from euerie
eul waie, that I might tredae
the path whiche thou hast nowe
alreadie declared vnto me out of
the treasures of thy eternall te-
stament. Strengthen me O lord
that I turne not from thy lawes
but that I may meditate therein
night

night and day to my incompara-
ble comfort, wherby through thy
direction I may zealously perse-
vere in the knowledgē of thee, and
evermore abide constant in thy
truth to my eternall saluation,
let me be occupied continually in
thy word, for I fele the same to
be an everlasting comfort vnto
my soule, and of more sweetenesse
than if I had tasted of honie, and
by obseruation of thy preceptes
haue I gotten wisedome, and
therefore I do vtterlie abhore
the entising shewes of world-
lie vanities, which are no-
thing but falsehood.

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14 A prayer for zeale and
constancie.

L

Raunt I beseech thee most
merciful God, that thy hoire
word opening & dispersing
the darksom clouds of my mind,
may declare such light vnto my
footesteps that al my waies may
be safely guided according to the
sinceritie of thy lawes, and let
this light O Lorde so illuminate
my heart & vnderstanding that
I may by a solemne bove binde
my selue for ever vnto thee, and
obtaine abilitie from thee with
all humilitie and quietnes of life
to performe the same that I haue

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promised vnto thee . Thou seest
O Lord how soze I am afflicted
and vexed on euerie side, where-
fore sauе me and quicken me ac-
cording to thy eternall veritie:ac-
cept the prayers and vowes of
my mouth, that I now offer vnto
thee, and teach me thy statutes
more and more . And extende thy
mercies O Lord vnto my misse-
ries, for my life is laid open to al
troubles and daunger, as though
I did carie it in my hand, but let
not the same O God pull backe
my zeale from thy lawe. The wic-
ked haue imagined deceit against
me, yet will I not wander from
thy precepts. Blesse me I beseech
thee O deare Father with thy
grace,

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grace, that I make no estimation
of worldlie things, but that I
may accept thy testimonies as
my inheritance for euer, for they
are the ioy of my heart, instruct
me to applie my minde for euer,
euen to my last gaspe to obserue
thy statutes. Amen.

15 A prayer to flee worldlie va-
nities, and to delight in
godlines.

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Want I beseech thee O god
G that I may hate the vaine
inuictiōns of such as wāder
frō thy truth, & account thy doc-
trine most deare vnto my soule.
Be thou (most mercifull Lord)
my

my refuge and shield, wher unto in my greeuous distresse and daunger I may alwaies flee for succour. Let thy wo:de O God be my trust vnto the end, & banish the wicked out of my companie, that I may euermore keepe thy precepts moze purely. Establish and quicke me inc O Lorde according to thy promise, that I maie be vpholden least I perish: let me not be disappointed of my expectation, but strengthen me in thy good time, I most entirielie beseech thee, and holde me vp with thy mercifull hand both now and ever, that I being safe may delight continuallie in thy eternall statuts, let the craftie practises of them

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them that contemne thy lawe be-
rought to naught, and take a-
waie the wicked that infect the
people, euen as droste with the
pure mettal, that my zeale in thy
testimonies may be full. Thy
iudgements O Lord are of such
power, that they not onely teach
me obedience but cause mee to
feare, considering myne owne
weaknes thereby enclining mee
to repentaunce & amendment of
life, for the which O Lord I thy
poore seruant do render vnto thee
most humble and hartie thanks,
beseeching thee still to increase
my knowledge in thy sa-
cred mysteries.

Amen.

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16 A prayer to deale vprightly
and not to be put to shame
by the vngodly.

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God god in thy great mercie
teach me thy lawes that
I oppresse no man with vnrigh-
teous iudgement, but that I
may deale iustly and truelie with
all men in thy sight, that I be not
slandered of mine enimies ne-
ther brought to open shame. As-
sist me O lord with thy power, I
stand on my syde against the vngodly
that they triumph not o-
uer me, for my verie eies do faile
me in waiting for my deliuerance,
and my strength qualeth in ex-
pecting thy promises, deale not.

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with me thy vnworthe seruaunt
according to my deserts , but of
thy endlesse mercie teach me thy
statutes, for thou art my eternall
Lord , and I am thy seruaunt,
graunt therefore that I never
swarue from thxe , but that I
may knowe thy will and faith-
fullie imbrace thy testimonies.
In thy god time arise O Lorde
and destroie the wicked that go
about to bring thy lawes into vt-
ter ruine and decaite, and pretend
the confusion of my zeale , for I
will loue and firmely cleave to
thy precepts aboue all treasure
and fine gold, yea and my whole
delight shall be therein for ever:
for I know that thy commaun-
dements

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dementes are altogether equitie
and truth it selfe , yea and a cer-
taine rule for me to trust vnto,
therefore do I abhoore whatsoe-
uer dissenteth from the hidden
privuite of thy worde , beseeching
thee O Father still to increase in
me the desire that I haue vnto
thy sacred mysteries.

16 A meditation on the excel-
lencie of Gods holie
word.

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G Racious God thy testimo-
nies containe such highe
mysteries and are of such
excellencie , that I am moued
with admiration and reuerence

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when I do thinke thereupon,
and therefore are they so precious
vnto my soule that it greatly de-
stretcheth to embrase and kepe them
aboue all earthlie treasures: for
the entrance into thy holy word
is so unspeakeable that it giveth
light to them that are in darknes
and instructeth the simple in the
knowledge of thy will, it sturreth
up quietnes and moueth peace in
conscience, therefore O Lorde
graunt me vnderstanding and o-
pen my mouth that I may with
vnsainted lippes euermore praise
the, and swallow thy precepts e-
uen as the thristie man doth ear-
nestly desire to drinke, looke on
thy seruant O Lorde both nowe
and

and euer, and be mercifull vnto
me as thou vlest to doe vnto thy
elect & them that leue thy name.
Direct my pathes O God, and
lead me in the waie wherin I
ought to walke that I sail not
into the snares that the wicked
haue laid to entrap mee withall,
but zealouslye persecute in thy
commaundementes, and let not
afflictions assault mee aboue my
strength, but deliuer and defende
mee from the baites of my eni-
mies that I may serue thee, shine
on me with the euerlasting light
of thy fauourable countenaunce
and teach me thy statutes, mine
eies gush out with teares when
I do heare thy enimies, how con-

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temptuously they speake and in-
tend to subuert thy lawe that en-
dureth for euer.

7 A Prayer to beare the crosse
of affliction and reproch
patiently.

B

GOD God thou art alto-
gether iust and righteous, and
all thy ordinances are trueth and
equitie. graunt that I may ob-
serue thy lawes diligently as
a most iust and perfect rule of
thy trueth and sincere religion,
for thy wordes and sweete pro-
mises O Lord are so ioyful vnto
me, that the loue therof doth con-
sume me because the vngodly do
des-

despise thy precepts, yet shall thy truth for euermore endure and flourish in puritie; wherefore extend the same vnto me and quicken thy seruant therein for euer, that I maie imbrace it with vnderstanding, and though the wicked therefore haue me in no estimation but account me an abiect, yet will I not thereby be exempted from the studie of thy commaundements, nor neglect my so necessarie a calling: for thy righ-
teousnes, O God, is an euerlast-
ing righ-
teousnes, though other
ordinances and lawes which
mans wisedome hath set downe,
are subiect to innumerable chan-
ges, & at length come to an ende,

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and the zeale of thy word indu-
ceth such comfort vnto my soule,
that in afflictions wher troubles
and anguish oppresse me I am
busie occupied in repeating the
same in my songes , oh howe excel-
lent is thy sweetenesse vnto them
that are in miserie, yea thou hast
prepared a blessed and an ever-
lasting fountaine in heauen , for
them that loue thee. Graunt me
vnderstanding therefore especi-
ally in thy truth , that I may
live with thee for euermore.

19 A prayer for helpe in ad-
uerstie.

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Give earē O Lorde I beseech
thēe, vnto the crye and la-
mentable voice of my sorrow-
full heart, for I haue called vp-
on theē with my whole heart
daie and night, graunt that I
may diligently obserue thy sta-
tutes, and in all my daungers
vouchsafe to sende mea thy aide
and assistance whereby I may
continually be stirred vp to me-
ditate on thy testimonies, let my
prayers preuent the earlie light of
the morning, and in the night-
watches O Lorde quicken my
mind with the commemoeration
of thy goodness, and hearken vnto
my earnest petitionis, according
to thy louing kindnes extended

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vnto thy children , and as thou
hast promised , restore mee to the
injoying of thy fauour that am
without life, thou seest how neare
they assault me which are conti-
nuallie giuen to iniquitie and
earnestly bent to destroy thy te-
stimonies , prayng thee with
their lippes, but in heart are farre
from thee. But my trust is onlie
in thee O Lord that thou wilte
cleave vnto thy seruant , and in-
crease my zeale more and more.
Teach mee I beseech thee moste
mercifull God the assured way
of thy commaundementes , for I
know certainelie that by the ob-
seruation of thy testimonies I
shall never be in error, neither yet
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frustrate of my hope which I
haue in thy mercie. For thou hast
established the same for euer and
ever. Heare me O Lord God I
most humbly beseech thee and al-
lue me euermore with thy grace
and holie sprite that I may rest
with the eternallie.

19 A prayer for to be strength-
ned being weake.

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God Lorde I most humbly
beseech thee regarde mee that
am soe oppresed : and in thy
good tyme deliuer me which doe
not forget the doctrine that thou
hast taughe mee. I appeale for
mercy vnto the soueraigne boun-
tie,

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tie, pleade thou my cause there-
fore and be my Judge, and in thy
good time preserue and defende
me: For saluation is farre from
the vngodly because they neither
feare thee nor obserue thy sta-
tutes. I expect thy mercies O
Lord and not mine owne righte-
ousnes to helpe me. Quicken me
therefore according to thy iudge-
mentes, and although they that
vniustlie persecute me are manie
in number, and mightie, yet do I
incline my heart to the obserua-
tion of thy testimonies, and e-
uermore delight in thy preceptes,
yea I haue had such a loue to thy
law that I neuer concerned more
griefe of one thing then when I
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did evidently perceiue these men
to despise thy wordes and neglect
thy law, but let thy mercie take
hold on me, that haue had my fe-
licitie in thy commaundementes
and accounted them most deare
vnto mee, increase my zeale O
Lorde and saue me that I perish
not, vouchsafe to assist me with
thy perpetuall graces, that I
may walke bryghtly before thy
presence, seruynge thee continually
with feare and reuerence, and
estreming the wordes of thy
mouth to be the ordinarie meane
to bring mee vnto saluation, for
they are infallible and thou hast
ordained them to stande for euer:
therefore are they the eternal and

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vnchangeable rule of thy iustice
wold without end.

20 A ioyfull reckoning vp what
spirituall comfort & how
precious we enjoy by
Gods word.

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Gracious God the thre-
nings and iniurious per-
secutions of the mightie
ones of this worlde, coulde not
make me once to denie thes, for
my heart stooode moe in awe of
thy most sacred worde then of
their indignation: continue still
thy assistance therefore towardes
me thy poore seruant, that by the
vertue of thy holie spirite wor-
king

king in my heart I may enioye
and take moxe delight and com-
fort in thy sacred word (which
quickneth me in al troubles) then
in all the kingdomes and vaine
treasures in this wold and that
I may willingly reject & abhorre
all manner of deceit, and wicked-
nes , euer embracing thy moste
comfortable testimonies , for
when I do narrowly see into thy
iudgements & sacred mysteries
how excellent they are , I am of-
ten and sundry times enforced to
laude and praise thy holy name:
the loue of thy heauenlie lawe
bringeth into great prosperitie
all such as retaine the same , for
they do zealously search out the
secretes

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secretes thereof, and are in their
consciences assured that they
please thee, therefore graunt O
Lord that I may faithfully be-
lieue in thee, and still depende vpon
thy saluation: giue mee euer
patience in my troubles, and let
me still obserue and keepe thy te-
stimonies, and haue a continuall
ioue thereunto, graunt that I
may haue no respect vnto men,
but to set thee alwaies before my
eyes as the iust Judge of all my
doings. Amen.

21 A Prayer to be kept vnder
the protection of the
most highest.

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Give care I most humblye
beseech thee O God, vnto
the complaints of me poore
sinner, and graunt mee the true
vnderstanding of thy diuine pre-
ceptes, oh let my supplications
come before thee, and saue me O
Lorde that put my whole trust
and confidence in the, according
to thy promise, that I may ioy-
fully vaelde vnto thee vncessant
praises and obserue thy statutes,
wherin thou hast instructed
me with diligēce for ever. Let
nothing cause mee to quake O
God, but that the wordes of my
tongue may set forth thy vpright
iudgements and glorie, for thou
art my louing God on whom I

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evermore depend , and my com-
fort consisteth in thy precepts: e-
reth thy hande to helpe mee poore
sinner , for I haue not neglected
thy statuts, let my whole life de-
pend vpon thee for ever , and let
me seeke comfort at thine onelye
doctrine, let my life be prolonged
and couered vnder the shadow of
thy wings , that I being deliue-
red by thee, may render continual
thankes vnto thee, and zealously
imbrace thy testimonies, ah alas
how haue I gone astraye and
wandred too and fro like a lost
sheepe from his shepheard, being
readie to fall into all daungers,
& to be devoured of the enimie,
but of thy mercie O Lorde thou
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hast called mee home unto thy
shephold and restored mee agayne
to the knowledge of thy heauenly
doctrine, wherefore O God so
guide mee with thy grasse, and in-
struct mee with thy holie sprite,
that I may continue therein for
ever.

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A prayer that we may onely de-
light in Godslawes.

With thy grace and holie spi-
rite assist mee O God that I
walke not in the steppes of the
vngodlie, neither followe after
their wicked & licentious coun-
saile: Let me not stande in the
waies of impudent sinners, nei-

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ther yet sit or keepe compa[n]ie
with such as deride thee and
blaspheme thy holie name , but
graunt O God that my whole
delight may be fixed in the ke-
ping of thy sacred lawes , & that
my minde may meditate therein
night and daie . Make mee O
God as a fruitfull tree planted
by the water side , that being al-
wayes refreshed with thy grace
I may bring forth the frutes of
repentance , and dailie proceade in
newnes of life to thy honour &
glorie , so that what busines or
affaires souuer I take in hand , it
may prosper , but scatter thou the
vngodlie like chasse before the
winde , and let them tremble at
thy

thy righteas iudgementes, that
they stand not in the assembly of
the iust, for thou like a mercifull
God wilst allowe and maintaine
the iife of thy children, but the e-
ui life of the wicked shall vter-
ly perish in thy presence, yea and
in the ende they shall goe to de-
struction, therefore I will I trust
in thee for euermore,

A prayer for boldnes and courage
in standing to the truth.

F rome not most mercifull
God, for there are many that
rise vp against mee vexing my
soule continually, yea they assalt
me with diuers temptations, sai-
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I say there is no helpe nowe biseche
for him in his god, but yet in thy
good time thou wylt send nou-
rishment and succour vnto thy
servante and defend me on every
sde from them that cruelly seek
my destruction, yea thou art my
glorie and thou in mercie wylt
lift mee vp when I am fallen,
therefore wil I sticke vpon thee
O Lorde, for I know thou wylt
heare mee out of thy eternall ta-
bernacle, and seeing thou art my
good God I wyl laye me downe
and rest in peace, and arise againe
because thou defendest me: the te-
membrance of thy promises and
trial therof haue so increased my
lone & fainte in thee; that though
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many thousands pretend my better ouerthow, yet will I not be afraid, for thou art the God of my force, come forth therefore O Lorde and helpe mee, and in thy good time beate downe my enemies, and strike them vpon the lawes that seeke to doe mee euill, breake thou the teeth of the vn-godly and confounde all such as daily goe about to slander mee without a cause, it is in thee O Lorde to free mee from distresse, and to deliuer me from the snares of my oppressors, for thy blessing is vpon thy people, & thou wilt receue them in their necessitie: wherefore extend thy mercie to-wards me, and defend mee both

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and euer, that I may yelde con-
tinuall praise for euer.

A Prayer to be deliuered from
Gods wrath.

A **S**halt me O Lorde with thy
grace and holie spirit, and re-
buke me not in thine anger, nei-
ther chasten mee in thy displea-
sure, but haue mercie vpon mee
that am vterlie destitute of
strength and resise, heale me O
God for my soule is greeuously
vexed because of my sinne, and
sore shaken through my iniqui-
ties, my heart ligheth being now
touched with the feare of thy
indgements, wherfore incline
thee

I thee to helpe me , and sau me for
thy mercies sake , for they that
are in the gracie can not praise
thee : O Lorde , in mourning I
faint, and in remorse my sorrowe
increaseth; I wear away because
of the lewdnes of my aduersaries
and am soze vexed , by reason of
the miseries wherewith I poore
sinner am oppresed , but awaie
from me ye wicked, for the Lord
hath heard my voice and wofull
crie, yea the Lord hath heard my
prayer and humble sute, and hee
in his great mercie wil confound
my enimies , and send me relieve
in my greatest necessitie, and will
put to flight all such as worke
my decaie or seeke to do me euill.

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Increase thy loue in me O Lord
that I may render due thankes
vnto thee for thy continuall assi-
stance , and praise thy name be-
cause of thy louing kindnes shew-
ed vnto me depending wholly
vpon thy mercies for euer and e-
uer.

A prayer not to be ouercome
of the wicked.

R Egard I most hartily beseech
thee O God the humble peti-
tions & prayers of thy seruant,
for vnto thee alone do I lift vp
my heart and soule , beseeching
thee to extend thy mercie & pitie
towards me, that haue euermore
put

put my trust and confidence in
thou: let not my enemies rejoyce
over me, neither suffer me thy ser-
vant to be put to confusion, be-
cause my hope resteth onelie on
thy saluation, out euermore re-
taine me in the faith of thy pro-
mises, that I swerue not on any
side, guide my steps in thy truth,
and instruct me in the rule of thy
will, for thou art the God from
whom I expect and looke for my
deliuerance, be mindfull of thy
mercies which thou hast often
shewed vnto thy seruants, & of
thy manifolde benefites which
thou from time to time hast de-
clared vnto all ages. Remember
not the lewdnes of my youth, but

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in thy mercies thinke vpon thy
seruant, instruct me in thy lawes
and teach mee to be humble, bee
mercifull to mine iniquities for
they are great, and by the direc-
on of thy holie spirit conduct me
in the right waye, that my soule
may dwell at ease, and inherite
the land whiche thou hast prepa-
red for them that serue thee, re-
ueale vnto me O God the secrets
of thy holie word that I may be
endewed with vnderstanding,
turne thy face vnto mee and ex-
tende thy mercie towardes me,
ooke vpon my afflictions and re-
lease me of my sinnes, and deli-
uer Israel out of al his troubls.

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A Prayer for reliese in sicknesse
and anguissi of spirit.

Harken vnto my humble lute
O Lorde, and in thy mercie
giue eare vnto my prayers, I do
not here pleade for my selfe, ne-
ther do I refuse to be reprooued
of thee, but besaeching thee not to
rebuke and chastise mee in the
heat of thy wrath, for thy hande
and heauie yoke oppresleth me,
and the sense of thine yre worthi-
tie kindled against mee endureth
so greuous vpon mee, that my
whole bodie consumeth for the
abundance of my wicked offen-
ces, yea my wounded conscience

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is readie to putrifie through sin,
and I dare not but with heauie
countenance lift by mine eyes to-
wardes thee, my heart & raynes
do burne O Lorde with intolle-
rable paine, & there is no part of
my bodie free from greefe ; I
wholie languish and faint for
verie sorrow of my heart, thou
knowest my desire O God, and
my sighing is apparaunt vnto
thee, my heart panteth, my
strength decaideth, & my eiesight
now faileth mee, manie ther bee
that seeke my destruction, and
there is none to helpe mee but
thou alone, wherefore on theo
will I waite and abide thy good
time for my succour : helpe mee
therefore

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therefore that now calleth vpon
thee least I be brought into de-
caie : and let not my ghostly en-
mies triumph ouer me , who de-
sire to see my ouerthow. In thee
O God haue I euer trusted, for-
sake me not therfore but of thy
gratiouse goodnes send mee spe-
die comfort, O mercifull Lord be
not farre from me in my distresse
but haste thee to help mee. Amen.

A thanksgiuing for deliuerance
from sicknes and
paine.

Extend thy grace and holie sp-
rite towardes thy seruant, O
Lorde that I may dailie magni-
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bie thee, for thou art my deliuerer
and hast not suffered my foes
with pride to triumph ouer mee.
I cried vnto thee in my troubles
and thou like a mercifull God
diddest deliuer me, thou hast de-
fended mee from daungers of
death and renewed mee alwaies
with confort: therefore shall I
sing praises vnto thy diuine ma-
iestie for euer, thine anger endu-
reth but a while, but thy fauour
to the end of our life, and though
sorrow abideth in the euening,
yet ioy commeth in the morning,
and in my prosperitie I saide, I
shal never be moued, but so soone
as thou diddest restraine thy fa-
uour from mee I was striken,
then

then did I returne to thee O
lord & praied, what profit is there
in my bloud when I am slaine,
or shall my bodie made of dust
sing praises vnto thee or declare
thy truth and faithful constancie
in performing thy promises, O
Lord heare me and receiue me to
thy fauour, helpe me good God
I beseech thee and haue mercie
vpon me, and loe thou hast tur-
ned my mourning into ioye, and
remoued the sorrow of my heart
to girde me with gladnes, yea
thou hast made thy louing kind-
nes so ioyfull vnto me that I doe
meditate of thy goodness all the
day long, therfore shal my young
be whollie consecrate both nowe

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and cuer to set forth thy praises:
O Lord my God on whose mercie
dependeth my salvation; I
will give thanks to thee for cuer
and cuer.

A Prayer that God according to
his mercifull promise will
deliuer him from his
enimies.

HEarken I most humblie be-
seech thee O God vnto my
complaint and incline thine eare
vnto my lamentable sighes, for
my soule is nowe oppressed with
troubles, and grieuously woun-
ded through sinne, wherfore re-
lease my heauie burthen and mi-
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tigate my tormenting paines for
there is none to helpe mee but
thou alone that art the God of
my might, mine eies can not rest,
nor mine eie liddes slumber be-
cause of my heauiness ; but so
soone as I recorde thy great
goodnes shewd vnto me of olde,
how is my soule comforted, and
how quiet is my conscience with-
in me, deliuer me therefore accor-
ding to thy wonted mercies, and
let mee never bee vnmindfull of
thee, but that my spirite may still
reioyce and bee endewed with a
stedfast hope of thy promises, &
though the wicked seeke my de-
caye, yet let my trust be whollye
fixed vpon thee, giue mee vnder-

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standing and knowledge from a-
bove that I may faithfully ob-
serue thy fatherly preceptes, be
not long absent frō mee O God,
neither let thy swete promises
faile me, but in thy mercy respect
me thy seruant; and poure on me
thy heauenly blessings, grant mee
the direction of thy grace & ho-
lie spirite that with all humilitie
and perfect patience I may stand
fast in the day of my trouble, and
after this wretched life ended,
indew me O Lord with thy
eternall rest to dwel
with thee for
ever.

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A gratefull extolling of Gods in-
estimable benefites.

From the verie inward part of
my heart O my soule praise
thou the Lord, and al that resteth
within me praise his holy name,
for all his graces, mercies, and
manifolde benefites that hee in
great mercie hath bestowed vpon
me, for he hath couered the filthi-
ness of my iniquities; altered my
naturlall wilfulnes, and healed
my broken heart, and the bloudie
wounds of my conscience, O my
God, thou hast redemeed my life
from destruction, and of thine in-
finit mercies doest alwaies satis-

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ſie mee with good thinges, thou
rennewest my ſoule like the youth
of an Eagle, and haſt reuealed
vnto mee thy waye and holye
worde, thou art altogether mer-
cie and full of compassion, slow to
wrath and of great kindnes to
all ſuch as come vnto thee, thou
wilt not alwaies lowze, nor keepe
thine anger for euer, neither doſt
thou deale with mee after my
ſinnes, nor reward me according
to mine iſtiquities. for thou in
mercie wilt ſet my ſinnes ſo farre
from me as the Eaſt is from the
weſt, and neuer thinke vpon
them any moze, thou ſhewest thy
ſelue to be a moſt gratiouſe father
in exten ding thy bountiful bene-
uolence

uolence vnto such as honor thee,
for thou knowest that we are but
dust and like the flower of the
fielde alwades readie to be caried
away with light blastes of wind
to all manner of vanities, but thy
mercy (O my good God) and lo-
uning kindnes endureth for euer.
Let thy righteousnes hold me vp
both now and euermore, that I
may feare thee and keepe thy
commaundements in continuall
remembraunce to do them, that af-
ter this life ended I may gaine
the fruition of thy kingdom,
which for thy elect thou hast pre-
pared in heauen to sing praises
vnto thee with thy holie Angels
and to enjoy thy presence. O lord
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which raignest and rulest for e-
uer. Amen.

A prayer to be delivered from his
aduersaries.

Regard my humble petitions
and prayers most gracious
God and in thy mercie giue care
vnto my requestes, for vnto the
alone doe I come in the time of
my necessitie, accept therefore I
beseech thee the cryes that I
here offer vnto the, rule thou
my thoughts & guyde my wates
aright, that my heart bee not in-
clined to evill, and so procure mee
to runne vnauidedly to doe the
worke of iniquities, but let the
just

just man with discretion reprove
mee that I by his exhortations
may discerne and knowe the
snares that the wicked haue laid
to entrappe me withall, and not
only shunne them my selfe, but
admonish others in like manner
to eschewe the same, who seeing
the vngodly with greevous tor-
ments to be miserably afflicted,
may with humble and penitent
hearts returne vnto ths O lord,
and acknowledge thee to be their
only stay and succour in all their
actions, my life O God is expo-
sed to all miseries, neuerthelesse
I most earnestly beseech thee to
be my protector, and though my
state be slipperie, yet let thy right
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hand support me, and thy louing
kindnes enclose mee about, and
when my handes are erected to
call vpon thy name (being full of
hope) graunt speedie release vnto
me least I fall into the net that
the wicked haue laid for me, that
I being gouerned and directed
by thy mightie power, may for e-
uer henceforth extol thy glorious
name whilste the wicked are to-
gethers entangled in their owne
malice graunt this O father for
thy deare sonne our Lorde
and Saviour Iesuſ
Christ.

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A prayer to perceiue his owne
fraile estat.

Teach me O Lord to order my
steppes according to the rule
of thy holie worde, that the wic-
ked entrappe mee not in my dea-
lings . Let the number of my
dayes be knownen unto mee and
make me I beseech thee more and
more seriously to consider howe
transitorie this life is that I may
apply my heart continuallye to
the contemplation of thy hidden
secretes and diuine mysteriess, for
the length of my yeres is but as
a spanne, and all earthly thinges,
are nothing but mere vanitie in
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thy sight, therefore as the chased
hart desirereth to be refreshed by
the ayde of the water brookes, so
longeth my soule after thee O
God: therefore let not thy graces
and holie spirite O God be taken
from me but extende thy hand to
deliuer me from all inconueniences
that I become not an open
rebuke vnto my enimies, take
those plagues & leuere punishments
from mee that my sinnes
do deserue, and let thy mercy bee
an eternall comfort vnto mee,
graunt mee vnderstanding and
send me knowledge from aboue,
that I may see into the cause of
my afflictions and never mur-
mure at thy faterlie chalenge-
ments,

mentes, heare my prayer and in thy mercie take pitie and compassion vpon mee, allwage the great heate of thine anger towards mee, and release the troubles of my heauie heart, & graunt mee a space of repentance before the time of thy faterlie calling, that I may rest with thes for ever.

A prayer for iour-
neing.

I Commit this my iourney and corporall trauell most mercifull fater vnto thy heauenly direction to guide and gouerne me therein as shall seeme best to thy only

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onely goodness and godly wise-
dome : and as this my troubl-
some and wearie life is nothing
els but a pilgrimage ; and
onely a span from birth to graue,
so graunt that I may alwaies
consider of it. And I beseech thee
O my God , that as to Jacob
journeying into the East : & prai-
ing reverently for thy gracious
protection, thou diddest fauoura-
bly and of thine infinite mercie
minister all things necessarie to
his safetie, so thou wilst now mer-
cifully beholde mee a member of
thy little Israel and safelie keepe
and preserue me in my iourney,
that the same may tende to the
honour of thy name , and to the
com-

comfort of my conscience both
now and euer, that like as Ia-
cob said thou shouldest be his
God, so wee knowing that in all
things thou art more god and
plentiful vnto vs a thousand fold
than we can descerne, may for thy
heauenly graces and continuall
goodnes sing laud & praises vnto
thy holie name O God that for
euer livest, one in trinitie & thare
in vnitie, Amen.

A Prayer out of the Cxlv.
Psalm.

F rom the bottome of my heart
O my God will I extoll thy
name, and render thankes vnto
thee

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onely goodnes and godly wise-
dom & and as this my troubl-
some and wearie life is nothing
els but a pilgrimes passage ; and
onely a span from birth to graue,
so graunt that I may alwaies
consider of it. And I beseech thee
O my God , that as to Jacob
journeyng into the East & prai-
ing reuerently for thy gracious
protection, thou diddest fauoura-
bly and of thine infinite mercie
minister all things necessarie to
his safetie, so thou wilst now mer-
cifully beholde mee a member of
thy little Israel and safetie keepe
and preserue me in my journey,
that the same may tende to the
honour of thy name , and to the
com-

comfort of my conscience both
now and euer, that hit as Ia-
cob had thou shouldest be his
God, so wee knowing that in all
things thou art more good and
plentiful vnto vs a thousand fold
than we can deserue, may for thy
heauenly graces and continual
goodnes sing lauds & praises vnto
thy holie name. O God that for
euer liuest, one in trinitie & thre
in unitie. Amen.

A Prayer out of the Cxlv, and
Psalmes.

F Rom the bottome of my heart
O my God will I extoll thy
name, and render thankes vnto
thee

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thee for ever and ever. I will
consecrate all the daies of my life
to set forth thy glorie & to yeelde
praises vnto thee continually, for
thou art great O Lorde & there
is no praise sufficient for thee, yea
the memoriall of thy name wil I
cause to endure from one genera-
tion to another, neither shal I
alone labour to doe this my due-
tie, for verlie there will bee al-
waies some assemblie which will
by all meanes testifie the renem-
brance of thy deedes and peculiar
goodnes, and openlie declare thy
vndoubted promises remaining
vnto all ages, namelie that thou
art most mercifull and gratiouse
vnto such as trust in thee, and
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thy louing kindness endureth for-
ever, neither is it manifest whe-
ther thou art either more slowe
vnto wrath or more prone to par-
don, for thou O Lorde I knowe
art good to all men and thy mer-
ties are absue thy wrokes, yet
is thy name O God extolled in
thy wrokes and the praise of thy
glorie appeareth in all thy crea-
tures, thou stayest vp euery one
which els should fall, and graun-
test release vnto such as are al-
readie fallen, yea thou giuest help
continually vnto those that loue
thee, but destroest the wicked
and therefore by good right O
Lorde will I sounde soorth thy
praises for euer and euer.

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A Prayer to be said before the re-
ceiuing of the Lordes
Supper.

L ouing Lord & my most mer-
ciful father in wonderfull mer-
cie I acknowledge it hath plea-
sed thee to purge me sylle wretch
by the death and bloudie passion
of thy sonne, from all my sinnes
and iniquitie, to haue adopted
mee thy child, and giuen mee the
earnest of my saluation, touching
my heart with an infallible sence
and feeling of thy mercies and
settled confidence in thy promises,
so that euernow, in the comune-
moration of thy unspeakable
blessings

blessings my soule is newly entered into thy house , to take the holesome cup of eternall salvation, and to call vpon thy holie name, assist me therfore with thy sprite O Lord, & give me a wise and understanding heart, that I may conceiue rightly of thy sacred mysteries , and diuine precepts, discerne them secretly and receive them effectually not with rashnes of minde, but with sobrietie in righteousness and holines of life, vnto the perfect consummation and finishing of that happie building, whiche thy worthe goodness in mercie hath prouidently begunne in me, yea vntill I be come to the measure of

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the eternall age and fulnes of
my Lorde and Sauiour Iesu
Christ. Amen.

A godlie Prayer for such things as
be needfull both for
soule and bodie.

Expend thy fauourable pitie to-
wards me O Lord and in thy
mercie doe awape my iniquities.
take from me al hardnes of heart
and indewe me with thy grace
and holie spirite, that my delight
may be in thy lawes, blesse and
prosper I beseech thes my bodily
labours, and send me such neces-
sarie relife both for my soule &
bodie, as shal seeme most expedi-
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ent to thy diuine wisedome. O
God keepe me vnder the shadow
of thy wings from all the afflic-
tions of this wretched life, and
defende mee from the naughtie
dealing of lying lippes, and stan-
derous tonges, let me not do a
ny thing contrarie. o thy will O
Lord, but keepe me in such good
order of life that I bee not defa-
med of the wicked and vngodly
person. Confirm me in the know-
ledge of thy law & send mee spe-
ciale reliefe in al my troubles, giue
me good God a feeling of my
sinnes with earnest repentance
and that I may perseuer in new-
nes of life to thy honour & glo-
rie, let me auoid the companie of

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such as be euill and let my whole
delight consist in the secrete of
thy sacred mysteries , that I may
openly set foorth thy praises, and
yeelde vncessant thankes vnto
thee, graunt that I may escape
the net that the wicked haue pu-
uile laide to intrap mee, for my
hope consisteth in thy saluation,
and whan my wearie dayes
Lord shall draw to an end in lea-
ving this life and earthly pil-
grimage , graunt me a strong and
stedfast faith with spech & me-
morie euuen to the end, that so de-
parting in peace I may rest
with thre for euuer.

Amen.

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A prayer to be said in anie kinde
of affliction.

Eternall God and father of all
mercies I humbly beseech thee
bowe downe thine eare and hear-
ken vnto me ppoze sinner, whose
state is weake and feeble because
of thy heauie displeasure, but I
confesse and acknowledge, that it
is a iust reward for my iniquities
committed against thee, respect
mee neverthelesse to thy mercie,
and thinke not vpon my trans-
gressions, deliver my soule, endue
me with all spirituall graces and
consolation, and continuallye
keepe me in true faith and hum-

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ble obedience towardes thee nei-
ther let me murmur at thy cha-
fisements, but with patience en-
dure thy correction, it is in thee
to deale with me at thy pleasure,
sith thou createdst mee of dust &
slime of the earth, and gauest me
life and breath in my mothers
wombe. Wherfore O Lord I be-
seech thee, suffer mee not to bee
tempted aboue my strength, nei-
ther yet to be holden down with
greater afflictions than my weak
nature is able to endure, but ra-
ther according to thy tender mer-
cie support and releue mee that
neither the flesh, the worlde nor
the diuel triumph in my weake-
nes, gine me a feeling of thy mer-
cies,

cies, that thy graces never depart
from mee, and when it pleaseth
thee O Lord to bring to an ende
this miserable life, graunt that
I may with humble obedience
towardes thee, and perfect faith
in thy diuine pronyses, neglect
the state of this wretched world
and rest with thee O Lorde my
God in that everlasting king-
dome which thou hast prepared
for thy elect from the beginning
of the world. Where I shall con-
tinually peeld praises vnto thee
together with all the host of
heauen for euer and
euer. Amen.

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A Prayer of thanksgivung to
God for his benefites.

Continue thy goodness still to-
wardes me O Lorde that I
may daily haue occasion to extoll
thy praises, for great espise do I
already retaine to loue thy glo-
rious name for euer, becauise thou
alone art my ioye and saluation,
and the strongtie wherunto I
alwaies sticke for succour, thou hast
euer been in procke and tower of
defence, open now therefore the
gate of righteouesnesse that I
poore sinner may enter therin as
one of thy children, so shall I be
preserued in peace. I haue al-
waies

waies put my trust in thee,
strengthen mee therefore I be-
seech thee with thy holie sprite,
and as thou art altogether righ-
teous and iust, so vouchsafe to
instruct mee in the path wherein
I ought to walke, for my soule
reioyceth in thy truth, and desi-
reth thee in the night season, yea
and my sprite shall seeke thee in
the morning, how mercifully dost
thou nourish thy people, & how
glorious doest thou make thy e-
lect. When I was in distrele I
called vpon thee, and when thou
didst chastise me I poured sooth
my prayers, and thou like a lo-
ving Lorde, didst shewe mercie on
me according to thy great kind-
nesse

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nesse . O deare father , my soule
now replenished with grieke be-
cause of my sinnes desreth to be
receivied into thy eternall rest . I
was dead & putrifid through my
sinnes and enironed with dis-
paire because of my fall , but thou
of thy goodnes diddest recide re-
liefe vnto me and made me aliue
againe , yea thou hast eleuated my
soule out of the darknes of death
and ministred light vnto me that
I might regard my footesteps :
thou hast vpholden my life from
daungers , and preferred mee a-
gainst the eniuous mindes of the
wicked , thou hast defended mee
from such as rose vp against mee
and sent me reliefe in my greatest
necessarie ,

necessitie , yea thou hast plenti-
ously indewed me with al things
and giuen me a taste of thy good-
nes . Wherefore O most merciful
God assist me with thy holie spi-
rite that I neuer be vnnindfull
of thy mercies, but may extol thy
gloriosus name for euer and euer
Amen .

A Prayer to be vsed before a man
doth begin to trauel or take
anie iourney in hand.

REspect me thy vnwortheie ser-
uant O Lord with the eye of
thy mercie, for on the dependeth
my saluation , and there is none
but thou alone can bring suffi-
cient relieve and succour vnto my
afflicted

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afflicted spirite. Wherfore O God
be mercifull vnto mee , and ruite
my heart in thy faith feare and
ioue , with a carefull keeping of
thy commanndementes , gude
thou my footesteps O God, and
gouerne mee with thy iugtice
hand, that I fall not into the pit
of destruction, assist me with thy
grace and holy spirit, that I may
both discerne and reiect those
things that are contrarie to thy
lawe, and save mee O God from
the crueltie of such as seeke to
oppresse my soule, send me know-
ledge from aboue that I maye
conceive iugtly of thy heauenlie
mysterie, and teach mee O Lord
so to order my life that according
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to the precise rule of thy holyc
word and divine preceptis I may
daily proceede in newnes of life,
to the hono; and glorie of thy
name. Indue mee with all spiri-
tuall graces to stand against the
subtile assaults and temptations
of my ghostlie enimies , that I
may neuer quake by his tyranny
but giue him his finall repulse
and vtter ouerthow, be thou my
protector; and deueloper most lo-
ving father that in all my waies
I may be safely directed by thy
mighty prouidence, for thou art
my refuge in all my troubles and
in thy mercie wyl I staye my
selfe for euer , and my hope shall
still rest in thee O God that li-
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uest for euer.

A Prayer for a man that is beset
with aduersaries.

I Call and crye to the O God
With mourning voyce besee-
ching thee to hearken vnto my
grioving sighes, deliuer mee from
my troubles, that oppresse mee
greuously, for misery is come vp-
on mee, and there is none but
thou alone can helpe mee: guide
me O Lorde in thy truth, & lead
me forth in the pathes wherin
I ought to walke, thou art the
onely rocke whercunto I must
cleane, and in thy good time thou
wilt vphold my state against my
enimies

enimies that inuiron mee about,
they haue cast snares in my way
to entrappe me , and by crueltie
haue daily sought my decaye.
Wherfore I beseech thee O God
come quickly and succour me, put
forth thy myghtie arme and deli-
uer me from them that rise vp a-
gainst me . pre:ending my bter
ouerthow : Conduct mee in thy
truth that I be not entrapped in
my waies, nor holden in the dark
prison of this miserabile worlde
from the view of thy diuine ma-
iestie, but that I may be compas-
sed with the asembly of thy elect,
to reioyce in thee O my good
God for my deliuerance , and to
sing continuall praises vnto thy

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holy name for euernoze with a
cheareful voice, preserue me from
destruction, and vouchsafe O
Lord to forgiue me all my offens-
ces that I maye stande stedfast
in thee, and never be put to con-
fusion, but to rest with thee eter-
nallie. Amen.

A prayer to be said at ali
times.

I Most hartily beseech thee O
thou God of all mercie & po-
wer to make strong my soule a-
gainst all the troublesome and
most daungerous assaultes and
temptations of the wrold, the
flesh and the diuel, confirme my
be-

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believe and faith in thee, and
make mee good Lorde one of the
number of thy elect, and graunt
that all my sinnes may be cle-
ned in the bloud of my Lorde and
Saviour Jesus Christ. O deare
father let thy graces & blessings
be continually poured vpon mee,
and shine on mee with the com-
fortable beautie of thy chearefull
countenance, and graunt mee in
this life the perpetuall direction
of thy holy spirite, and in the life
to come eternall rest with my
Lorde and Saviour
Jesus Christ,
Amen.

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A charitable prayer to be vſed at
an iuste time for the benefit of
ſuch as liue amifle.

O Lord thou haſt euer been our
ſafe hauen and habitation,
and thy louing kindneſſe hath
beene plentifully ſhewed vnto vs
and our elders, from one gene-
ration to another, thou art a
God that raignest and ruleſt for
euer, without beginning or en-
ding, yea thou diudest create vs
of dust and ſlue of the earth, and
wee being moſt miſerable crea-
tures, ſo ſcorne as thou takeſt thy
ſpirite from vs, are euen then
immediatly reſolved into dust
again, for as a watch in the night
ſo

so doeth our life passe away , and
as a tale that is tolde , so doe wee
vanish , we grow vp like the herb
which at the rising of the sunne
doth flourish , but in the euening
is cut downe and withereth ,
graunt therfore O God that we
neglecting all idle imaginacions
may account the dares of our
earthly permanence howe shor
they are that our mindes by this
cogitation being brought from
the troublesome care and vaine
hope of earthlie felicitie , as also
called away from all those enti-
tisements whereby wee wander
out of the right path of thy truth
may aspire to true wisedome , in
applying our hearts wholie v-

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to thy eternall testimonies, bee
mercifull vnto vs O Lorde and
saue vs from all the assaults and
temptations of our ghoſtlie eni-
mies, conduct vs with thy migh-
tie hand we beseech thee in al our
dealings that we may walke up-
rightly in our estate and vocati-
on without fraude or deceite,
graunt that after so long and in-
numerable troubles as we haue
ſustained, thy goodnes may ſhine
vnto vs like a moſt plesant light
that wee being ſatiſfied with the
comfortable nouriſhment there-
of, may enjoy the true and eter-
nal conſolation, and like as with
manie inſteries thou haſt corre-
cted vs, ſo we beseeche thee of thy
eternall

eternall goodness to comfort vs
againe, and in the middest of all
our troubles restore vs to ioy
and gladnes, that from the bot-
tome of our hearts we may yeld
continuall praises unto thee : ac-
cept vs amongst the number of
thy heauenly armie , and let the
voice of our humble petitions O
God ascend vp unto thee , make
vs continually thankfull for our
election , and let vs never forget
that thou hast taken vs into thy
familie to be cared for of thee, yea
let this thy glorie shone foorth to
our posteritie , and let thy excee-
ding goodness beautifie & adorne
vs , gouerne thou our counselles
from thy sanguarie , and let our

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enterpryses be acceptable in thy
sight O God that luest for euer
Amen.

A prayer for the assistance of
Gods power and holie spirite a-
gainst our enimies and the
dangers of this
world.

Eternall God I most humblie
beseech thee givē eare vnto the
prayers and doleful cries, which
I here poure foorth before the,
strengthen me that I may walk
in thy waies and carefullie auoid
the path that the oppressors
tread. Accept the requestis of thy
seruants, vouchsafe O Lorde in
me.

mercie to relieue them that trust
in thee, against such as resist thy
doctrine, keepe me as the apple of
the eie, and euermore defend mee
from my enimies, euen vnder the
shadowe of thy wings, for they
are full of enuie and their cruelty
cannot be satisfied but with my
death, neuerthelesse my hope de-
pendeth only vpon thy assistance
that thou wyl stand on my side,
wherby I may vtterly vanquish
and ouerthrowe their force, for
thou art my fortresse & strength
in whome is no varietie, in thee
wyl I trust O God of my salua-
tion, yea I wyl call vpon thee
& praise thy name for euermore,
preserue me therefore and assist

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me in the daye of my daunger, let
not the ungodly man preuaile a-
gainst me but preuent their wic-
ked deuises that intende my de-
struction, indewe me plentifullly
with thy graces that I may take
delight in these things that may
please thee; and beware of such good
giftes as thou hast lent me, to
the use of my chrisitian brethren
that stand in neede therof, let thy
sprite seale the assurance of thy
election in my heart that I never
decayne from the true seruice of
thee, but with all constancie give
my selfe wholly to the loue of
thy law, and perseuer therein unto
the erde, for thou art my por-
tion and the lot of my inheri-
tance,

tance, let me not be oppressed by any earthly penitentie feare through
fraulie of my flesh I be enforced
to fall from thee, but teach me
continually by secret inspirations
the right way to attaine to the
fruition of thy blessings, that I
may at all times sing praises unto
thee, bee thou alwaies at my
right hand O lord that my corarie
may be directed by thy godly as-
sistance, and deliuer me out of all
troublesome daungers that I
may reioyce both in bodie and
soule for thy gracious protection,
shew me thy fauour O God in al
things that I take in hand, and
let the successe of my trauails fall
out as my hope expecteth, to the
gret

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great comfort of thine elect, and
the exceeding ioye of all that put
their trust in thee let not the cru-
elty of the enuie preuail against
me, I ast he say that he hath ouer-
come me, and they that oppresse
me reioice in my fall, for my trust
is wholie in the truth of thy
promises, neither shall my heart
dissent from the hope of thy mer-
cie and defence in all my enter-
prises, but being at the length de-
livered by thee from the dreadfull
dangers of earthly casualties, I
wil not cease to laude and praise
thy holy name in the middest of
the congregation, for ever and e-
uer. Graunt this most mercifull
father I humbly beseech thee for
Jesus

Iesus Christ his sake my onely
Saviour and redewner. Amen.

A prayer to be said at all
times.

With thy eie of mercie most
louing fathur behoid my care
and inward griefe, and hearken
I humblye beseech thee to my
complaint and lamentable sate,
my soule eryeth out to thee for
mercye. extend therefore thy lo-
uing countenaunce and fauour
vnto me that am soze plunged in
the gulph of calamities, yet do I
confesse and acknowledge that I
haue & do deserue most extreame
punishment for so greuously of-
fending

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sending thee my louing Lord, but
if thou shalt euer marke what is
amisse in me, how am I able to a-
bide thy frowning countenance,
but with the which is alwaies mercie
and redemption, yea thy seruants
continually do and will for thy
great goodness feare and loue thy
holy name, my soule also know-
ing thy singular bountie in that
it hath euer tasted of thy incom-
parabile sweetenes shall still trust
in thee, for thou diddest defende
and nourish me when I was de-
stitute of helpe, therefore will I
wait for thy saluation euen from
the morning vnto the euening,
and from the euening likewise
vnto the morning again, for there
is

is no nightwatcher that in greater desire longeth for the dawning of the daye, then doeth my soule expect the commynge of thee my Lorde and God, for great is thy pitie vnto all such as with true repentaunce and hearty pray-
ers doe come vnto thee, go too then O my soule, nowe reioyce and comfort thy selfe in the Lord for euer, serue him with feare and reuerence, and be readie for his commynge whch no varietie resteth in him, but that he is good and mercifull, and hath often redxe-
med and deliuered thee from the daunger of hel, haue mercie vpon me now therefore O deare father and forgiue mee my sinnes, cast them

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them from thy presence & thinke
vpon them no more, so shall my
soule reioyce and be glad in the
for euer.

A Prayer to be vsed of all men
and at all tyme[s].

Now bewailing my sinfull life
past most louing father, I do
here in humble wise desire thy
gratious fauour, haue mercie on
mee poore sinner that cleaueth
wholie vnto thee, and in the
multitude of thy mercies doe a-
way the heauie burthen of my
iniquities, wash mee from my
snares and cleane me from my of-
fences, wash mee againe and a-
gaine

gaine O Lord that all my sinnes
whatsoeuer lyeth hid within me
may be done away at once . O
most mercifull father against thee
onely haue I sinned most gre-
uously and done wickedly in thy
sight, yea , and those things are
most iustly decreed of thee which
thou hast pronounced against
me. And I must needes confess
that nothing is faultie amongst
thy iudgements, for I was cor-
rupt and guiltie in my mothers
wombe and replete with sinnes
even from my cradle , what haue
I to alledge for my selfe know-
ing O Lorde what a wretched
case I stande in) or what excuse
can I make to thee O heauenly

L iudge:

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Judge : wheresoever in thy sight do
I remaine the greatest of all sin-
ners, purge me with the true hope
(which in thy mercie thou
hast sent unto sinners) even the
bloud of thy deare sonne my lord
& saviour Iesus Christ, that all
my filthines may vanish cleane
away, restore mee O Lorde unto
that unspeakable ioy wherwith
they are indeued that are shrow-
ded from the bondes of sinne and
death, and received into thy fa-
uour againe, hide thy face away
from my sinnes, and rase out of
thy tables al the wickednes that
I most greuously haue committed
against thee, let thy holtie spirit so-
direct me that I may frō hence-
forth

forth grue my selfe to thy com-
maundements, then shal I teach
thy waies vnto the wicked, and
sinners shall be conuerted vnto
thee: deliuer me from sinne that
my soule may praise thee conti-
nuallie, open my mouth O Lord
that my tongue in Psalmes and
Hymnes may set forth thy glori-
ous name. For thou desirest not
sacrifice, but a sorrowfull imnde
and contrite heart with the true
feeling of sinnes and inwardre re-
pentance and vnfained turning
vnto thee, wheren oblation O
Lord I nowe offer vnto thee.
humbly beseeching thee to accept
thereof, and incline thine eare
thereunto for Iesus Christ his
sake

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sake my onely sauour and redē-
mer. Amen.

A Prayer vertie godly and ne-
cessarie to be vsed at
all tyme.

Lord graunt me the assistance
of thy grace and holie spirite
that my soule vnto thee may yeld
continuall praises, let my whole
life extoll thy great kindnes
alwaies shewed vnto mee, for all
praise belongeth vnto thee, thou
hast indewed my heart with ioy,
and lifted my soule out of the
mire, wherfore I will not seeke
to any mortal man, for their state
is slippery, & their life consisteth
in

in their b:reath, wherof being bereaued, they are resolued againe into dust, but let my trust be in thee O God, on whose mercie dependeth my saluation, for thou O God art exceeding good and gratioues vnto all such as come vnto thee, great is thy power, oh how wonderfull is thy handie work in thy creatures, thou bearest a great zeale vnto thy seruants, and keepest promise with thine elect, thou openest the eyes of the blinded soule, and giuest vnderstanding to the simple thou diddest armie my soule when I fainted in miserie, wherfore giue me vnderstanding that I maye diligently search to knowe thy

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will, thou diddest defende and
nourish mee when I was desti-
tute of thy helpe, thou comfortest
the fatherlese and widowes, but
in iustice ouerthrowest the wic-
ked, O Lorde I see that all flesh
is grasse, and the riches of this
world, are nothing but vanitie,
but thy riches are euerlasting
wherefore graunt that I may be
plentifull in all good works, and
lead a life in this world agreeable
to thy will, that the same
being ended I may
rest with thee
for euer.

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A godlie Prayer vnto almighty
God against all assaults
of Sathan.

I Humbletraue & beseech thee
most merciful God, in fauour
to behold my troubled heart, and
givē care vnto my lamentable
cries, for vnto thee alone do I of-
fer vp my prayers, desiring thee
in mercie to respect thy seruaunt
that now calleth for thy directiō,
let my patches bee guided accor-
ding to thy will, for thou art a
God most pure and canst abide
no iniquitie at al to raigne in thy
sight, neither the vnuict person to
stande in thy presence, wherfore

A beantifull

O Loerde endue mee plentifullly
with thy graces that haue no
sparkle of goodnes in me, send me
knowledgē from aboue and di-
rect me with thy spirit, that I be
not vitterly cast away for euer,
but pardon my iniquities that I
may drawe neere vnto thee and
with reverent feare extoll thy
glorius name. Let not Sathan
my mortall enime preual against
me, but deliuer me frō the snares
that he dailie layeth for mee, re-
plenish me O Lord with ynder-
standing that I may safely walk
in thy lawes, for the enimes of
thy truth and disturbers of my
soule are manie, they dissemble in
heart, and with their lippes they
flat-

flatter daily, but my trust is in
thee O Lord that thou wilt con-
found their deuises, so shal I re-
joyce in thee, because thy hande
hath deliuered me, and my toung
shal never cease to extol thy prai-
ses and exceeding goodnes, be-
cause thou hast defended me with
the shield of thy mercie and re-
deemed my soule from deadlye
daunger. Amen.

A prayer to be said in any
kind of affliction.

R Elieue mee O God I most
humble beseech thee from all
the tyrannous invasions of my
ghostlie enimies the woxide the
L 5 flesh

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flesh and the diuell, and beholde
the carefull heart of him whome
thou hast striken and visited ac-
cording to thy heauenly wil, and
because man in his owne nature
is nothing but blindnes and fol-
lie before thee, and therefore can-
not possibly conceiue rightly of
the things aboue, renue therefore
thy spirit in thy servant, that the
same instructing my heart dailye
in true wisedome and feare of
thee, I may come to the feeling of
mine owne euils, and knowe the
cause of thy scourge, that so my
wound being apparant to mine
eies, I my selfe with all spedde see to
the cure thereof, and deserue no
time to seeke the salue to heale it.

Heare

Heare the voice of thy seruant O
God that cryeth vnto thee, con-
sider my complaint and weigh my
inwarde woe conceiued through
hate of mine owne infirmities,
and for want of thy knowledge,
for I flee from my selfe as from
an unwalled castle, fearing my
footesteps, euen as though I
walked on thornes : deale not
with me in thy displeasure , nei-
ther let my sinnes separate thy
fauour from me, but quicken mee
in my afflictions , and make mee
ware wise by thy punishments.
give me such a sence of my infir-
mities , and so perfect a perseue-
rance of my rechlesnes in seruing
of thee , that I may dispose my
selfe

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selfe to a contrarie order erecting
my mind vnto thee, and thereunto
so ioyne the increase of thy
grace and strengthning spirit, as
that I may be able therby to per-
forme my race, and continue in
that good way whiche thy good-
nes hath moued mee to, in the
times of my heauines bee neere
vnto mee, and open my eies of
faith to behold thy eternall loue,
so that I be not too much shaken
by the enimies assailets, but may
be replenished with abilitie, con-
stancie, and patience, to giue
him his small repulse
and ouerthow.

Amen.

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A Prayer for our Queene
Elizabeth.

M^Ost mightie God of maiestie
and heauenly father deare,
vnto the humble sutes of vs thy
seruants poore, giue eare: that
call on thee still to maintaine the
prosperous successe of thy ser-
uant thine Elizabeth our Queene
& gouernor: whom thou ouer thy
little flocke vnto their comforts
great, ordained hast to sit vpon
the high and princely seat: from
foreine force of foes vouchsafe
good God to garde her grace,
that all their subtile sleights and
snares shew doubtles may deface.
Lend vnto her long life O Lorde
and

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and eke a royal raigne, & graunt
that shee thy graces great for e-
uermore maie gaine: Thy bles-
sings bountifull bestowe vpon
her we thee pray, that her delight
may be to loue thy lightsom lawe
for aye: And earnestlie for to im-
brace thy gospell pure at large,
vnto the comfort of thy church
committed to her charge: Under
the shadow of thy wings Lord
keepe her to the ende, and from
conspiracies also vouchsafe her
to defend: Conuert or els con-
found all such as mischiefe do de-
uise,against her grace and to thy
truth are vffer enimies: God
graunt her peace in conscience
and health without annoy, that
we

we long time and manie yeares
her presence may enioy. Amen.

The Confession of a
Sinner.

R ighteous God thou that art
the father of all mercies and
comforter of all mankind euuen
of thy tender loue beholde mee
poore sinner that haue strayed
from thy precepts through igno-
rance & frailtie of my flesh, and
most wickedlie erred from thy
holie commaundements like vnto
a wandring sheepe haunting no
shepheard, O Lord I do confesse,
I haue followed to much the de-
uiles and desires of my vnright-
eous

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teous heart, whereby I haue at
sundrie times greeuously offend-
ed thy maestie in breaking and
neglecting the holie lawes which
thou hast commaunded mee to
keepe, and contrarie to thy will
followed those vngodly actions
which I ought not to doe, lea-
ning vndone those good thinges
that thy sacred word hath taught
mee, so that in mee there is no
goodnes except thou O Lord do
speedily looke vpon mee, and in
thy great mercie pardon my ha-
inous offences. Forgiue mee O
deare father and forget my ini-
quities I most entierly beseech
thee, that here with a sorrowfull
heart confesse my faultes vnto
thee

thee O God , requesting thee of
thy fauourable goodnes to restore
me that am penitent , and in thy
mercie sende reliefe vnto thy ser-
uant, satisfie my soule with thy
fauour againe according to thy
promise which thou hast decla-
red vnto all such as come vnto
thee in the name of thy beloved
sonne Jesus Christ my saviour,
wherfore O my God I come
vnto thee with an humble minde
beseeching thee from the verie
inwardes of my soule, to graunt
me the assistance of thy grace and
holy spirit that I may euer here-
after in newnes of life, live as de-
commeth thy seruaunt vprightly
in thy sight , and deale faithfully

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with all men to thy honour and
glorie & the confort of my soule.
Amen.

Another prayer vnto almighty
God.

I haue mercie O Lorde bouschsafe
to heare my prayers and let my
cries haue access vnto thee , hide
not thy face from me I beseech
thee in the time of my trouble,
but with sped incline thine eares
vnto me when I call behoide there
is no certaintie in my flesh , for
my life consumeth as the smoke
and my dayes do wast in sorrow,
mine enimies lie in waite for me,
and they that rage against mee
haue

haue conspired my death, where-
foze the fixing of thy wrath and
heavy displeasure hath quite con-
sumed mee, bat thou O Lord
(whose promises I knowe en-
dure for ever) continuest all one
God in mercie vnto such as call
vpon thes, therefore do I slie vnto
thee in my distresse, beseeching
thee to assist mee with thy grace
and holy spirit, that the cause of
my mourning and piteous com-
plaints being taken awaye, I
may dailie proceede and goe for-
ward in newnes of life, to the ho-
nor and glorie of thy holye
name. Confirm me thy good worke
beginne in mee O God, and let
me never want thy assistant aide

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therin, leſt it be vittery fruſtrate.
Let not my iniquities bee any
hinderauice to thy boſtiful
goodnes, neither yet my negli-
gences (in ſeruing of thee) moue
thee to detrac the operation of
thy holy ſpirite in thy ſeruaunt,
but with ſpeede conſider my ſtrai-
tie, and pardon my offences for
Jesus Christ his ſake, ſo ſhall I
declare thy worthines, and extoll
thy great kindnes ſhewed vnto
me at all times. Haue mercie vpon
me O God, haue mercie vpon
me according to thy eternall pro-
mises, make mee plentifull in all
good workes to doe thy fatherly
will, and let thy comuaunde-
ments be my whole delight, re-
fresh

fresh my heart with the fruition
of thy blessings , and let me not
at any time be unmindful of thy
goodnes , but yelde continuall
thankes vnto thee for thy great
benefites extended towar des me,
take me not away O God in the
middest of my daies, but prolong
my tyme and conduct my foote-
steps, that having vowed at full
thy graces mestimable kindnes,
I may never cease vntill the last
gaspe to sing praises vnto
thy holie name for
ever and ever.

Amen.

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A prayer to be vſed when a man
is in anie kynge of
trouble.

Consider O my God I be-
ſeeche thee the wofull com-
plaints and prayers that I here
offer vp vnto thy diuine maieſtie,
vnto thee alone doe I ſue for
helpe, remit therefore my inqui-
ties for the multitude thereof do
ſpeddily craue thy aide, and in thy
mercie be fauourable vnto me as
thou haſt euer beeſe, for though
I were driven to ſecke the fur-
therſt partes of the earth, yet will
I call for thy direſtion, yea when
I am tormented with cares I
haue

haue no other refuge to fly vnto,
but onely to thee O my God:
wherfore in mercie looke on me,
and in thy good time take me vp
into the place of ioy prepared for
thy elect, where I may praise thee
for euer, for howe hast thou in
great mercie dealt with mee, in
being vnto me an euerlasting to-
wer of defence against mine eni-
mies, and though by reason of
the retchlesnes and fraislie of my
corrupt nature I haue eftsoones
swarued from thy holy word, yet
I beseech thee O deare fater,
deale fauourably with mee, and
laye not my offences vnto my
charge, but shew thy self a louing
and merciful God towardes me.

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and poure on mee thy giftes of
grace that I may be holie vnto
thee and accepted in thy sight, so
shal my life be prolonged, yea and
so happie in deede, as it shall ne-
uer decay, and I shall resort to
thy tabernacle in peace, where I
shalbe satisfied with the fruition
of thy sauour, and be sustaineed
with mercie and truth for euer:
direct mee continually with thy
holy spirite, and teach mee good
Lord to hate the wayes of the
wicked, erect my mind to the con-
templation of thy heauenly my-
steries and receiue me both now
and euer into thy gratiouse pro-
tection, for my aduocate Iesu
Christ his sake. Amen.

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A Prayer against the feare
of death.

O Eternall God and mercifull
father , from the depth of my
weake heart do I laude and glo-
rifie thee for all thy benefites be-
stowed on me from the beginning
of my life unto this present , es-
pecially for thy blessings of my
election,redemption,vocation,in-
stification , and sanctification in
Christ Jesus. Thou hast delin-
ered mee from the crueltie of my
aduersaries, and made me an in-
heritour of thy kingdome and
thy childe by adoption , yea thou
hast giuen me (notwithstanding

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my vnthankfulness) the earnest
peny of my saluation, and in mer-
cie hast reconciled mee in Christ,
whilst I was yet a greuous e-
nemie vnto thee, thou tookest mee
out of the blind dungeon of care-
lesse ignorance to render thankes
vnto thee and to call vpon thy
name, in all whiche thou hast cau-
sed me to procede and profit vnto
this day, wherein thy pleasure
seemeth to incline mee towardes
the greatest benefit that cuer I
yet tasted, that is to free mee from
the extremities of this life, and to
bring mee to that heauenly liberty
where shalbe no bitternes. Now
therefore O deare father for Je-
sus Christ his sake erect my mind
to=

towardes thee, and as at al times
of my life hitherto thou hast
nourished and preserued me: so
now in my last neede visit and re-
gard me O God, that as the en-
emie will nowe bende his force a-
gainst mee, so thou with thy lo-
uing protection and holie spirite
wilt comfort mee, and with thy
presence defend me, that my faith
still increasing with armed pati-
ence I maie despise the feare of
this bodies death, knowing that
it is the vnrioydable waye that
thou hast appointed, to do away
my mortallitie and to bring my
soule to rest, to yeeld praises vnto
thee in ioyes everlasting which
thy prouidence hath ordained me

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yn to : so instruct me therefore to
number my dayes , that I maye
apply my heart ynto thy eternall
wisedome:teach me sweete Lorde
as heretofore to liue , so nowe to
frame my ende that it maye re-
ound to thy glorie, wherunto
with a sighing heart I humblye
beseech thee that my vnderstan-
ding may alway be lightned with
the feeling of my owne infirmity,
and that in all perfect humilitie I
may ffe from the minde of all
earthly stāy, and so not fainting
in my farewell but cleaving to
thy promises and apprehending
thy saluation with sure hope, I
may expect the disselution, so be-
holding thee with the eyes of my
faith

faith, I may grow as by degrees weaker in bodie, so fuller and stronger in spirite, so that when the last breath is passed, my soule in the bosome of Abraham maye joyfully respire the triumphant odors of an endlesse life. Amen.

A Praye^r for Chirur-
gians.

O Most mercifull God and lo-
ving father, we most earnest-
ly beseech thee let the eye of thy
mercie behold vs and hearken to
the humble saues of thy poore
seruauntes; that with penitent
hearts do appeale before thee re-
quiring pardō for our iniquities
com-

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committed darlie against thy di-
uine maiestie, bouchsafe O Lord
of thy wonted goodnes to extende
and shewe thy fauourable pittie
and compassion to wards vs and
laye not our sinnes vnto our
charge, but put them quite out of
thy memorie for Christ his sake
thy dearely beloued sonne our sa-
uiour, and graunt that wee maye
render vnto thee continuall
thankes for thy mansolde benc-
fites and eternall mercies that
thou of thy tender loue doest da-
lie bestow vpon vs: Assist vs al-
so with thy grace that wee maye
neuer cease to sing pyses vnto
thee for our election, creation and
redemption: Wee beseech thee O
Lord

Lord to give vs the true knowledge of that art wherunto thou hast called vs, thereby to maintaine our selues and our families from the extremities of this sinful world and momentaneous life, for we do not onely depende vpon thy fetherly prouidence, but do confesse. O Lord that every good and perfect gift commeth from thee, therefore be mindfull we beseech thee of thy seruants, and induc vs with thy blessings of wisdome and vnderstanding such that thou alone hast elected and ordained vs as instruments to minister those thy rich and plentifull giftes which thou hast appointed for the health and re-
lief

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hewe of mankinde , vouchsafe to
gve vs the gift of healing that
wec may frame our selues to do
thy will therein, and be a comfort
to such as lie in miserie and cruel
paine by occasion of bodily sick-
nes and exterrnall casualties, and
hereunto so ioyne the increase of
thy grace and holy spirit that all
our actions may be guided accor-
ding to the rule of thy diuine pre-
ceptes and commaundementes,
that our consciences be not spot-
ted in thy sight, but may remaine
pure and holy cuen as thou O
Lord art holie, alwaies reuoking
to memorie our duties and ne-
cessarie vocation , whereby our
hearts may be continually stirred

vp

up to call for thy assistance, remoue from vs all hatefull and euill thoughtes with the con-
tous desire of filthie lucre and incite in vs a consideration of the
wokull estate of the pooze and needie that wee may relieue their
necessitie with such good things
as thy fatherly goodness and vn-
speakable prouidence in greater
measure hath blessed vs withall.
Respect vs O Loerde in thy mer-
cie, that those things whiche wee
go about may prosper with vs,
and that all our labours whiche
wee shall take in hande may bee
blessed and brought to good suc-
cresse by thy assistance and father-
lie protection, to the honour and

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glorie of thy holy name, credit of
thy church, comfort of our chri-
stian brethren and our owne sal-
uation, graunt vs this O Lorde
for Iesus Christ his sake our
only saviour & redeemer. Amen.

A Prayer for penitent
sinners.

M^Ost mightie God and eter-
nall king of maiestie, howe can
I hide my selfe away from thy
presence, or with what pretence
might I couer my shame from
the pearcing sight of thine eye,
since there is nothing in me but
a whole heape of sinne, whereby
I am almost driuen to the doore
of

of dispaire . Erect therefore thy
mighty hand to help me O lord,
for if thy wisedome prouide not
for me I am alwaies in daunger,
for vnrighteousnes in this my
corruptible bodie raigneth as a
king , wherefore when my en-
imies enuiron me I wonder that
thou doest not destroy me, consi-
dering the lewdnes of my liuing
& the multitude of my greeuous
offences. But thus thou vsest to
comfort thy children , and my
soule but for this reliske O God
had perished long agoe, therefore
from the bottonie of my heart
crye I vnto thee, take nice not a-
way I beseech thee O Lorde in
my sinnes , neither let mee reape

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the portion of the wicked : thou
hast shewed me the daies of com-
fort, and often deliuered my soule
from the Lyon, and because thou
in great mercie hast let mee see
this goodness and also made mee
reioyce therein , increasing light
after darknes. I will never cease
to cal vpon thee in my afflictions,
but continually expect the god
houre in my danger , increase my
faith, settle me in the knowledge
of thy will, and plentiously blesse
me with thy grace and holy spi-
rite both nowe and euer, for no
place is safe from the rage of thy
aduersaries: assist me in my infir-
mities that I may euer gaine a
double rejoicing , and that the
most

most subtile assaultes of the eni-
mies may alwaies fall out to bee
his fowlest foile, through Jesus
Christ my only saviour. Amen.

The true knowlege of afflictions
and to what ende they
are sent.

The Scriptures of God in
sundrie places do manifestly
declare vnto vs the healthfull ef-
fect of afflictions in calling them
a cup, or drinking glasse, for like
as the expert Phisition giuing
vnto his patient such quantity of
medicine as he thinketh good,
the patient must of necessitie yeld
the choice of his fancie to the

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skillfull prouidence of him that
ministreth: euens so our good and
gratioues Lorde knowing farre
better what is profitable and
most expedient to cure the infir-
mities & maladies of our soules,
tameth our affections with such
cups of afflictions as his won-
derfull wisedome in mercie fore-
seeth to be most behouable for
vs. In like manner are they also
called in another sence his artile-
rie, his speares and his swordes,
wherewith to fight and ouer-
throw his enimies: and euен as
these definitions, touching their
endes are not alike but verie di-
uers, so likewise are the afflictions
of God sent both to the godlye
and

and vngodly but to two sundrye
ends, for by the one sort of afflic-
tion, God exerciseth the patience
of the faithful, handling them for
the most part more roughly then
he doth the wicked. The other he
vseth both to testifie vnto vs that
iniquitie cannot raigne vnpun-
nishable, as also to hold them vnu-
excusable, and that is the full end
of all afflictions extended to the
infidel or reprobate. The cuppes
therefore and afflictions of God,
as they are not sent to all men to
one end, so do they not work one
effect, but for all them the lewde
person remaineth still vngodly,
sick he was before he tooke the
medicine, and in like maner sick

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or rather more vncurable he go-
eth forwarde after it, hee fieleth
him selfe smitten, but considereth
not in truth who smote him . so
exceeding farre is hee from the
perfect perusing of his owne life,
and ouerviewing of his former
daies thereby , hee iudgeth his
crosse to fortune rather then
sinelleth his owne sinnes or in-
tendeth to change his life , and
if his crosse endure but a little, he
chafeth at God and reiccteth his
corrections , he amendeth not at
all but waxeth worse and worse,
farre contrarie is the effect of
those afflictions which Gods e-
lect sustaine , for his chilidren so
soone as they feele his crosse by
anie

anie meanes layde vpon them,
they by and by without delaye
bethinke them selues of their
sinnes, remembryng that the hand
of God is come vpon them for
the same, in whiche feare with all
humilitie and reuerent trembling
casting downe every height with-
in them they throwe themselues
flatlong at the footstoole of gods
maiestie, reckoning vp all their
haynous crimes to their power,
acknowledging their faultes and
beseeching God in mercie to giue
them a feeling of their sinnes,
that hee will pearce their eares
and in such wise open them, that
their affliction may turne to the
comfort of their consciences: this

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case is cleane contrarie (as is
said) to the feareful punishments
of the reprobate, they being har-
dened like Pharaeo thereby , for
lacke of his second grace , which
is the softening of mans heart
and sobernes of his nature by
the holye Ghost , from the free
goodnes of our eternall God.
These beeing opened in their
hearts by such grace and feeling
of Gods chastisements , are spee-
dily taught to mislike of them-
selves for their loose life and of-
fences to ligh and grone for them
and to flye to the mercie of God
for refuge. Now by these confe-
rences appeareth a certaine rulie
or touchstone, (not without an

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vnspeakeable comfort) to Gods
elect, for in as much as God pu-
nished Pharaon and softened not
his heart withall, he intended to
leauue him vñexcusable to his de-
serued destruction but in that he
aflicted Job, he did it to the bet-
tering of his life, mollifying his
heart to his saluation, and hence
we gather two pointes of com-
fort to be noted & obserued: the
one is that when God maketh
vs to feele his hande so that wee
are humbled vnder the same, it is
a speciall priuiledge and sure to-
ken of his good will, and whiche
he never sheweth to anye, but to
his owne children: and the other
is, since wee are punished but to
the

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the amendment of our liues and
drawing vs backe from our sin-
full waies, wee liue therefore in
happie case, for that it declareth
vnto vs that the Lorde will not
be angrie with vs for euer, but
doth as it were hedge in both the
sides of our race euuen because he
loueth vs, so that wee haue no
cause to doubt of Gods fauour
but rather to bee fully resolued
that when he punishment vs, he
holdeth vs not for his enimies,
but by that meane procureth our
saluation, and thus wee see (as
S. Paul saith) our victorie con-
sisteth in taking hold of this loue
of God in Jesus Christ, being
euermore throughly perswaded,
that

that God hath adopted vs to bee his chyldryen and heires of his kingdome, whiche principle wee once hauing, ought not to be led aside nor dismayed with any affliction, for seeing that God beareth such exceeding loue towards vs, we shal never be confounded, and so little in verie deede shall our afflictions hinder our welfare, that they shal turne to our furtherance, and vndoubtedlye prooue vnto vs that Christ his yooke is sweete and easie, and not onely bringeth vs to the obedience of Gods wil, but to eternall happiness. Thus afflictions are in truth our medicines to drue vs to God, to tame the pride of our nature

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nature, to kill our vices, to make
vs knowe our selues, loath our
sinnes vnfamedly, flye from our
owne waies, seeke strength of the
Lord, and so from vertue to ver-
tue ascend to the height of our
saluation: Finally as to the im-
patient reprobate, they are the
feareful comets of their destruc-
tion, so to the number of Gods
elect, they are the infallible pled-
ges and sure ensignes of their
continual victorie and future tri-
umph in Jesus Christ. The life
and healthfull afflictions of Job
and David in abundant maner
do testifie the louing end of gods
afflictions, and in them may wee
find infinite testimonies to proue
how

how profitable are the fetherly chasticements of our good God, who by them dooth euermore scoure vs frō the rust of our naturall disposition, and fineth vs like pure golde in the furnace, brievely, by them he violently breaketh into the heart of old Adam and there bursting the corrupt endes and coates of his veines, by his wonderful operation poureth a newe spirite into his arteries, which creeping through the senses with a liuely moisture, as by a certain heauenly Analogie or proportion doth in secrete sort dispose vs to contemne this vile place of miserie, and to elevate our minds to god, that

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that so framed vs, and so forsa-
king our sinfull waies and hate-
full affections, indeuour with all
newnes to serue and worship him
in righteousness and holinesse of
life, and with all patience looke
for the reulation of the elect
children of God, against whiche
new birth an invincible hope be-
foze time reserved vnto vs by the
god purpose of the father in his
sonne Christ, and now vndoub-
tedly confirmed in our conscienc-
es by the badges of his fatherly
handling shal nothing availe vs,
for all the darteres of affliction in
what kind soever assaulting vs,
shall be so farre from preuailing
to ouerthrow our faith and liber-
tie

tie (as the enemy would) as that they shall finde foldered redouble the force therof with exceeding ioy against them, so that the verie subtlest engines of Sathan shall make vs the more iuincible and his force the moze co.temptible. Thus I say shall God's fauorable exercises intermedled with his graces, worke the same effect in our soules as our meate and drinke doth to our bodies. And like as all such nourishment is the right and ordinarie meane whereby our bodies in this earthly tabernacle doe daily increase and grow in strengthful habite of health: even so by the other our soule is visited, strengthned, and increa-

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increased, and we are brought by
the mercifull hande of God euen
as by degrees and from step to
step till at length we come to the
fulnes of our redeemer Christ
Jesus, to appeare before the
Lord in Sion.

A Prayer for Say-
lours.

Thou God that art the creator
and maker of all things, behold
us that here prostrate our selues
at the footestroole of thy maiestie,
cravuing pardon for our sinnes,
gouerne us thy people O Lord,
that by thy permission doe moste
daungerously trauaile the boiste-
rous

rous seas, according to the office
and vocation wherunto thou
hast called vs, for except thy
mighty hand do stay vs we shall
perish, yea, wee are alwaies in
danger to be ouerwhelmed with
the perilous waues of the sea,
and to bee swallowed vp in the
deepe gulphes thereof: behold vs
therefore O Lord in thy mercie,
that in these our enterpryses wee
may receiue the fruition of thy
blessings: when thou O God art
angry with vs for sinne, thou
makest the stormes to rise and
the seas to rage in such sort that
they enforce vs to quake and
tremble, and when we tease from
sinne thou cauilst them in like
manner

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maner to cease, for thou appoin-
test to the sea his course and ke-
pest it euer in his bondes, yea,
thou hast ordained vs to trauaile
thereon to see thy marueilous
workes and excellent greatness,
as also to declare thy wonders
amongst the children of men, thou
hast oftentimes for our disobedien-
ce and inordinate living, cau-
sed vs to feele thy wrath and
griuous scourge, the daungers
whereof haue almost brought vs
to our wits ende, but when we
turne vnto thee with repentance
thou wilst not onely bring vs to
a safe harbour to ease our weary
bodies, but also when our pain-
full dayes are spent and ended,

receive

receiue vs into the blessed hauen
of eternal rest, the which O lorde
graunt vs to come vnto for Ies-
sus Christes sake.

Grace before meat.

TO thee O Lord God we ren-
der most heartie thankes for
these thy blessings of meate and
drinke, which thou in mercy dost
now bestow vpon vs, beseeching
thee to graunt that we do not a-
buse them immoderately by sur-
fetting or gluttony, but onely to
feede theron with sobrietie, there-
by to sustaine our feeble flesh and
hungrie desire, and so frame our
speches O God, that thy name

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therein may be glorified and our
Christian brethren edified: pre-
serue most louing Lord our gra-
tious Queene with thy uniu-
ersall Church, graunt vs we hum-
bly beseech thee the continuance
of thy glorioius Gosspell to bee
truely and sincerely preached a-
mongst vs, and make vs faithful
followers therof in righteouenes
and holines of life, vouchsafe o
deare father to defende and euer-
more to keepe our realme from
the invasion of forreine enimies,
¶ send vs a perpetual peace
in conscience through
Jesus Christ our
Lorde.

Grace

Grace after meate.

Gracious God & most louing
father, we thy poore seruants
yeeld vnto thee in humilitie of
heart all praise and thankes, in
that it hath pleased thee of thy
inestimable goodnes at this in-
stant to refresh and relieue the
appetite of our earthly bodies,
with this foode of meate and
drinke which thy diuine prou-
idence O Lorde in plentiful mea-
sure hath bestowed vpon vs, and
as these thy creatures are by thy
permission ordained to nourish
our mortall bodies, even so in
mercie vouchsafe to graunt that

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our soules may be fed and com-
forted with the diuine foode of
thy glorious Gospell, and that it
may so shine in our heartes and
sences, that we by the direction of
thy grace and holpe spirite maye
proceede in newnes of life, to the
honour and glorie of thy holpe
name. Call vs not O deare fa-
ther to account of the vaine and
idle speeches that we haue at this
present, as also at other times of
our life vndiscretly vsed, but in
fauour remit the same, & graunt
that wee with willing mindes
may remember and helpe our
needie brethren who feele the
want of that whiche we haue had
at full. In mercie O Lorde pre-
serue

serue thy Church, our Queen
and realme, increse the number of
thy seruants, and blesse vs with
peace of conscience and health of
body, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Earnest and zealous meditations
on the vii. petitions of the
Lords prayer.

O Lord thou art the father of al
mercies and God of all con-
solation, beholde vs that with
lowlie heartes come vnto thee e-
uen as children do to their natu-
rall fathers, our onely trust is in
thy mercie, for thy goodnes ex-
ceedeth all earthly fathers, with

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reuerence therefore, and humili-
tie of heart, loue, obedience, and
faithfull dutifullnesse as beco-
meth the children of so louing a
father, do we call for thy hyspe
and comfortable assistance, for
who is like vnto the, or can bring
to effect the thing whiche thou
canst do, thy seat is in heauen,
where thou raignest in all digni-
tie for euermore, thy power is in
heauen and earth, and in the sea,
yea and thy regiment appeareth
in all places, thou seest all things,
thou hearest all things, and by
thy eternitie gouernest al things
and we thy poore children doe
crave succour of thee onely, be-
seaching thee O Lorde to raise
our

our hearts from earthly thinges,
and vnite our minds to the con-
templation of heauenly thinges,
and make vs readie at all times
with stedfast hope to expect our
heauenly inheritance: praised bee
thy name O Lorde which aboue
all other names ought to be had
in reuerence, for thou art alto-
gether holy, graunt therefore that
we may vtterly detest and abo-
lish the names of al feined gods,
and euermore vouchsafe to assist
vs in mercie with thy grace and
holy spirit that we may refraine
the companie of such euill per-
sons as vntreuerently blasphemē
thy name, neither suffer vs by
retchlesnes to dishonour thee our
God

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God in any of our actions: more-
over graunt wee most humblye
beseech thee O Lorde, that thy
kingdome may euer remaine a-
mongst vs, and that thy trueth
and holy word never depart from
vs but abide in our harts by thy
inspiration, as a fruteful doctrin
daily instructing vs wherby we
may with more earnest zeale
walke as Christians in newnes
of life, to the honour & praise of
thy name, that all men seeing the
same may truely turne vnto thee
in hope to attaine thy euerlasting
kingdome: O most gratiouse god
let thy biessed will bee done in all
thinges with vs both nowe and
euer, & as thou art our heaven-
ly

ly father, so graunt that we may not request any thing contrarie to thy will, but accept whatsoeuer thou sendest with reuerent mindes, saying with chearefull hearts, thy will be done O Lord for euermore here on earth as it is in thy holy sanctuarie of heauen, quicken vs O Lord that we may learne more and more to bee obedient vnto thy heavenly will in all things as becommeth thy deare children, and euen as thy holy Angels and blessed compa-
nie do obserue the same with ioy, so direct our inwarde affections that we may whollye applye our selues thereunto, and that our whole felicitie in this life maye

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be altogether employed in meditating on thy sacred Scriptures which thou in mercie hast sent and left amongst vs to the comfort of our soules & our eternall salvation: and euermore in mercie O deare father vouchsafe of thy prouidence to nourish and comfort vs continually with such things as thy only goodness doth know to be most expedient both for our soules and bodies, wherby we may go forwarde with a quieter conscience to serue thee, so that wee in this life maye bee maintained & preserued, wherby wee may be helpfull vnto our christian brethren, and not chargeable vnto them any waies, es-
peci-

pecially good Lorde graunt that
wee abuse not thy blessings of
meate and drinke, but vouchsafe
that we may thankfully receive
thy fatherly benefits in such mo-
dest sort, that thy name may bee
glorified, our soules and bodies
graciously comforted, and if it
shall please thee at any time to
lay thy rodde of correction vpon
vs for our disobedience, and so to
afflict vs with any kind of penu-
rie, yet graunt to vs such grace
that we may continually with
all humilitie be thankefull vnto
thee without either murmuring
or grudging and with armed pa-
tience still abide thy pleasure, for
thou of thy faterlye goodnes
hast

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hast willed vs to laye our care
vpon thee who art able in thy
good time to relieue our need, but
aboue all thinges, O mercifull
God graunt that our soules may
be nourished and spiritually fedd
with the lichey word of thy glo-
rious gospel whiche giueth know-
ledge vnto such as delight there-
in, and leadeth to life everlasting:
behold O Lorde our weakenes,
for thou knowest our frailtie and
the wickednes of our youth is
not hid from thee, wee confesse
that wee were conceiued and
brought foorth in sinne, so that
through our corrupt nature wee
daily and houerly offend thy di-
uine maestie by Sathanes inter-
ceptions

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ceptionis in breaking thy commandementes and neglecting our duetie to wardes thee, but to our good God we most humblye beseech thee with sighing hearts to giae vs a feeling of our infirmitie and stirre vs vp with all speede in the times of our trial to seeke after thee, and to proceede in repenteunce and amendment of life, for thou art our mercifull Lord more readie to forgiue then we for to aske, and therefore we come to thee alone, for none in heauen nor in earth, Hainet nor Angell can forgiue sinnes but thou only through Jesus Christ our redaemer, who hath suffered the paine due unto our sinnes:

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and furthermore wee craue of
thee O deare father so to assist
vs with thy holy spirite that we
maye put out of our heartes all
manner of malice, debate , and
thoughtes of reuengement , and
with christianitie, from the verie
inwardes of our heartes forgiue
them that trespas against vs,
that with stedfast hope wee may
craue at thy handes forgiuenes
for our sinnes, thou most mightie
God direct our pathes and guide
our waies, strech forth thy right
hand to succour vs that we may
be euer armed with thy defence
against the violent snares and
manifolde temptations of the
would, the flesh & the diuell, staye
vs

vs good Lord that we perish not through their cruell iuasions, nor turne from thee to our owne destruction, for except thou doest still continue a good father vnto vs in protecting and defending vs thy children, and blessing vs with thy spirituall graces we shall soudenyly fall into all iuuries: Wherefore our hope both now and euer shall whollie depend vpon thy mercies with full assurance that thou wilst in thy good time not onely deliuer vs from all euill, but also nourish and preserue vs in our necessarie, and saue vs from such cruel and grieuous afflictions as are ready to molest vs either in bodie or

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mind. Thy kingdome O deare
father we faithfully confesse and
acknowledege is an heauenly and
everlasting kingdome , and thy
power is exceeding infinite, yea,
and thy glorie so incomprehensi-
ble, that it passeth mans reason,
and the limits of his vnderstan-
ding to attaine to the knowlege,
therefore wee most entirly be-
sach thee graunt vs these things
that we haue faithfully asked in
humilitie of heart according to
thy will, & give vnto vs O Lord
such grace, that our prayers may
bee alwayes directed in perfect
faith vnto thy diuine maiestie
without waunting or doubting
of thy assistance, remembryng thy

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promises, that so praying vnto
thee with a stedfast hope we may
expect the spedie approach of thy
everlasting comfort in Christ
Jesus, Amen.

A Prayer or thanksgiving for
Gods benefits bestowed
vpon vs.

Conduct and preserue me O
Lorde, for in thee alone do I
trust, thou art my health and the
portion of my inheritance, yea
thou hast blessed me with in-
crease, and allotted vnto mee a
faire heritage graunt therfore O
Lord that with reverence I may
render vnto thee due thankes for

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all the blessings which thou hast
lent mee, and may employe the
same to the benefite of thy chil-
dren: let thy feare be euer appa-
rent before mine eyes, that I
may liue bprightly in thy sight,
sane me O God from the daun-
gerous euents of this trouble-
some and wretched life, and holde
thy hand continually ouer me to
defend my cause against the furie
of my aduersaries, guide mee O
God in all my wapes, that my
course may be ruled according to
thy word, whereby I may faith-
fully perseuere with all dutifull
obedience in that necessarie voca-
tion wherunto thy onely good-
nes hath ordained me: for so long
as

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as thy graces haue dominion o-
uer me, I am altogether stedfast
and immouable, wherefore I re-
ioyce both in bodie and soule at
thy wonderful works establish-
ed within me, thou quicknest mee
from the mind of earthly careful-
nes, and makest mee oftentimes
to feele thy mercie, and releeuest
my conscience with the remembra-
nce of thy woorde, wherefore with
delight shall I declare thy
goodnes and praise thy
name for euer
and euer.

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A Prayer for aide in the time
of affliction.

Consider my cry O Lorde and
giue eare vnto me that am op-
pressed , helpe mee O God and
deliuer me against them that doe
iniuriously resist me, preserue thy
seruant that flyeth vnto thee and
respect me in mercie that am con-
tinually conuersant in calling
vpon thee , refresh my soule
which is lifted vp vnto thee, for
vnts thee alone doe I call and
crye. Thou art verily good and
mercifull and vsest great clemen-
cie vnto them that call on thee,
giue eare Lorde vnto my prayer,
and

and hearken vnto my meditati-
on, for in the day of my trouble
I will call vnto thee, yea all na-
tions shall extoll thy name be-
cause of thy wondrous workes:
teach me the waye of thy righte-
ousnes and I wil walke therin,
knit my heart vnto thee that I
may feare thy holy name, I will
praise thee O lord my God with
all my heart, yea I will alwaies
glorifie thy name, for great is thy
mercy to wards mee, & thou hast
deliuered my soule from the lo-
west graue, O grations God
the proud are risen against me, &
the assemblies & iniurious dea-
lings of violent men haue sought
my soule to destroye it vterlye.

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and haue not set thee before
them, but thou O Lorde God on
whome onely I doe depende art
kind and merciful, not hastie vnto
anger but full of truth, take
care now of me therefore O Lord
and help me for thy mercies sake,
graunt finally that I may mani-
festly knowe and perceiue that
thou louest me, that my enimies
may be greeued and ashamed of
themselues when they see that
thou doest yeld comfort and help
vnto me, so shall I bee endewed
with greater ioy to serue thee,
and to yeelde vnto thee eternall
praise and vncessant thankesgi-
uing for euer. Amen.

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A prayer crauing aide of God
against all our eni-
mies.

W^Ith speed O Lord come forth
to deliuer mee, make haste to
helpe and succour mee my God,
let them be confounded and put
to shame that pretende to do mee
evill, and let them be turned back-
ward and put to endlesse confu-
sion that desire my death:let them
turne home with shame as a re-
compence, disappointed of their
purpose which haue vaunted a-
gainst me, as though I had bene
quite confounded, and graunt
thou O Loyde that not I alone
but

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but all they also that haue a desire to worship thee may with a loud voice ascribe all glorie vnto thee, in reioycing, and that they may delight to giue solemn and euerlasting praises vnto thee, who hast in mercie deliuered thy seruant. In the meane season I stande here all alone, oppressed with the approch of daily sinnes and destitute of all succour, yea, and continually grieved with the troublesome assaultes of **Ha**than which keepeth the soule in perpetuall bondage, Wherefore make hast and draw neare to help me O mercifull God, for vpon thy gratiouse aide do I onely depend O God my deliuerer: O

Lord

Lord I beseech thee delaye not
longer but graunt me thy hea-
tenuy assistance , that I feeling
thy great kindnes maye hence-
forth apply my selfe wholly to
the obseruation of thy lawes,
through Iesu Christ my onely
Saviour, vnto whom with thee
and the hly Ghost be all power
and dominion for euer.

A prayer to be vsed of all men
and at all times.

W^Ith thy eye of mercie O god
see into my sorowfull soule
and gratiouly behold my inward
cogitations, and as thou hast of-
tentimes shewed thy selfe a mooste

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louing and mercifull Lorde vnto
thy seruants, cuen so with hum-
ble heart I earnestly beseech thee
O God, satisfie my minde with
god things & couer my sinnes in
the multitude of thy mercies,
change the frowardnes of my cor-
rupt nature, & release thine anger
preteded towards me, that I may
worthily praise thee, shew me thy
mercie O deare father and grant
me thy saluacio: instruct me con-
tinually by thy holy spirit, in the
reuelation of thy lawes that I
may thereby perceiue thy will in
all things, and so lead a life ac-
ceptable in thy sight, and bouch-
safe O Lord euermore to graunt
me thy heauenly wisedome, that

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I may not be inclined to follie,
but knowing wherunto thou
hast created me, I may diligent-
ly procede in that necessarie vo-
cation that thy diuine prouidence
hath called me vnto, seruing thee
in righteousness and holines of
conuersation all the dayes of my
life. Graunt also O Lord that I
may altogether imbrace thy true
and heauenly doctrine & eschue
all such things as are contrarie
to thy will, that so leading a life
agreable to my calling, I may in
the ende attaine to the toyes
everlasting.

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A Prayer and thanksgiuing vnto
God, to be vsed of euery man
that hath bene either
troubled in body
or mind.

To thee O Lorde do I render
continuall thankes, for thou
in mercie hast heard my voyce,
and inclined thine care vnto the
prayers and petitions of my
mouth, and therefore will I call
vpon thee so long as I liue, for
when the most cruell snares of
death compassed mee, and when
the dreadful anguish of the graue
held mee, being ouercome with
the troubles of my sorrowfull
heart

heart, then I called vpon the
Lord, saying: O Lorde I beseech
thoecome speedily and deliuer my
soule, and thou like a mercifull
father diddest sende aide and re-
lief vnto me, verily thou O goo
art mercifull and righteous, full
of truth and compassion, for I
was in nulerie and thou diddest
saue me, O my soule enter nowe
therefore into the place of rest,
seeing the Lorde hath bene so be-
neficiall vnto thy saletie, for hee
hath deliuered my life from death
thou hast staied mine eyes from
breaking out into teares, and
thou hast established my feete in
such a perfect path that I may
walke nowe safe and sounde a-

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mongst the living, for I haue e-
uermore believed the promises of
the Lorde, and therefore did I
speake, euen my faith ministring
voice and wordes to mee, being
oppreſſed with ſorrow, and thou
diddest ouercome the dangerous
attempts of my foes, quickning
me for thine infinit merties ſake:
what ſhall I render vnto thee
therefore for all thy benefites
which thou haſt beſtowed vpon
me, I will giue thee the ſacrifice
of praise, and call vpon thy name
with reverence, yea I will paye
my bowes vnto thee, which I
haue promised euen in the midſt
of thy faithfull congreſation for
euer and euer. Amen.

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A Prayer vnto God desiring him
to defend vs from the ma-
lice of our aduer-
saries.

Most mercifull God I beseech
thee for thy names sake, saue
me and deliuer me (being an in-
nocent) by thy power, gue care
vnto the wordes of my mouth
and refuse not my prayer that I
here present vnto thy diuine ma-
iestie, defend me O Lord fro the
wicked and such as rise vp
against me, confound their deui-
ses, and let the snares that they
haue set to intrap mee, bee as a
sword lighting vpon their owne

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heads, cut them downe according
to thy promises which thou hast
made to thy children, that I be-
ing delinered by the extended
force of thy right hand may wil-
lingly performe my vowe & so-
lentie promise vnto thes, and ce-
lebrate thy praises, seeing there
is nothing more bountifull nor
more excellent then the worthi-
nes of thy power, namely in that
thou hast saued me from all di-
stresse, and graunted me my desire
on my enimies : graunt this O
 Father for Iesu Christ
 his sake our onely re-
 deemer. Amen.

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A Prayer for such as intend to
enter into the estate of ma-
trimonic, made at the
request of M. Ed;

Fenton.

Most mightie God and hea-
uenly father, from the bot-
tome of my heart I yeeld all ho-
nor, laude, praise, and thanksgiv-
ing vnto thy diaine maiestie for
those thy riches, blessings and
benefites whiche thou in mercie
hast bestowed vpon me: O Lorde
that by thy incomprehensible po-
wer madest Adam out of the
dust and slime of the earth, and
createdst him to thine own image

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behold me thy seruant whom thy
good pleasure hath called to the
honourable state of matrimonic,
and as by the most excellent pro-
uidence thou diddest giue vnto
Adam Eua to be his helper, and
immutably ordainest them to be-
come one flesh, from whome p-ro-
ceeded all mankinde, so O my
good God in thy mercie graunt
that this woman whome thou
hast giuen me in y be vnto me a
helper, and that wee may bee a
comfort one to wardes an other
even as Abraham vnto Sara,
and Isaac to Rebecca, and not to
fulfill our vngodly affections nor
the corrupt and filthie desire of
our fleschly appetites, but to loue
and

and liue together with all humble obedience and reverent feare towardes thee as becommeth thy seruants without strife or debate and for the procreation of chidren to the increase of thy kingdome, which if it please thee to blesse vs withall, grant that we may bring them vp in thy feare, & true religion: Lord behold vs that with one heart and voice do most humbly beseech thee so to indew, direct & sanctifie vs with thy holy spirite that all our actions may stand with thy honour and glorie, credite of thy church, and our euerlasting saluation: and graunt that we with al modesty may liue together with con-

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tinuall peace of conscience and
health of bodie vntill we become
aged, that wee may see our chil-
ders children, and thy name ete-
nally aduaunced in thy Church
and congregation, and when thy
goodnes hath finished our dayes
in this life, conduct our soules in
safetie vnto that spirituall king-
dome whiche thou hast ordained
for thine elect to rest with thee
for euer. Graunt O most merci-
full father, that those thinges
which wee haue faithfully asked
according to thy wil may effectu-
ally be obtained, that we thy low-
ly and obedient children obtay-
ning the perpetuall fruition of
thy fauour may for thy gratiouse
assistance

assistance and inestimable treasures yelde vnto thee eternall praise, power, & dominion with vncessant thanksgiving both now and euer, through our onely me diatour and aduocate Iesus Christ, Amen.

A prayer for a woman that is barren and desireth the fruit of her bodie.

O Lord my God, most gracious
and louing father, in Jesus
Christ, behold me poore wretch,
whome thy hande hath hitherto
humbled, as it were in the sight
of al the world, at the length take
away my reproch, I acknowlege

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thy hand to be vpon me: for none
in heauen or earth saue thy ma-
iestie onely is able to withstande
the particular effect of that thy
generall commaundement, bring
forth fruit and multiply. Thou
onely (deare father) canst do it,
because of thy almightynes: and
thou also doest it euен in thy chil-
dren, according to the most holyc
decrece of thy vnsearchede wise-
dome: now, because when thou
visitest thy children with anye
wants of outward comforts and
blessings, thou doest it not (deare
father) for any lacke of loue to
them, or as though the blessings
also of this life pertained not to
them, for in Christ Iesus, who
is

is Lorde of all, they are likewise
our right, the vngodlye being
mere vsurpers of them, but thou
doest it to drawe them, by some
tempozall want & short restraint
of their desires, to seeke at thy
hande some eternall blessings,
which they stand more in neede
of, that thereby in the ende, thou
mighest be seene to multiply thy
rich mercies towardes them, eue-
ry way. Of which thy wisedom
thou hast left vs a leageable evi-
dence in the storie of thy seruant
Job: whom (after thou haddest
taught him more humilitie) thou
enrichedst also as his heart could
desire. Howe because thy waies
are all iust (O Lorde) and thou
walkest

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Walkest ever like thy selfe , haue
mercy on me thy seruant , I be-
seech thee, giue me to vnderstand,
that which thou wouldest haue
me to see in this my affliction, and
sith through the darkenes of my
mind, it is hard for me (O Lord)
to espie out the deformities and
wants that are in mee , may it
please thee to vouchsafe mee the
especial guiding of thy holy spi-
rit hereim : so as by it I may
make a thorough visitation of
my selfe, both for my outward
deedes, and for my inward affec-
tions, vntill I shall find out the
thing that may please thee , and
may also be yet further blessed of
thee , euен in this thing which
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my heart desyreth, so shall this
thy louing returne, wipe awaie
my reproch, thy bounteous dea-
ling with thy seruant, be ioyful-
ly praised among thy Sainctes,
and as for mee whose head thou
hast thus lifted vp, I wil never
cease talking of thy goodnes, and
informing those who shall in like
case of thy liberall kindnes to-
wards all that wait on thee, and
thy moste wise and righteous
iudgements which thou ex-
ercisest amongst those
also that feare
thy name.

Amen.

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A Prayer for iourneying.

O Most louing and tender fa-
ther I commit this my iour-
ney and corporal trauel vnto thy
heauenly direction to guide and
gouerne me, as shall seeme most
expedient to thy godly wisedom:
and as this my troublousome and
woarie life is but a pilgrims pas-
sage, and a spanne from birth to
graue, so graunt that I may al-
waies consider of it, and I be-
seech thee O my God, that as to
Jacob iourneying into the East,
and prayng for thy gratiouse
protection thou diddest mini-
ster all thinges necessarie to his
safe-

safetys so thou wolt mercifullye
bhold me a member of thy little
Israel, and prosper me so in my
iourney, that all thinges accord-
ding to thy heauenly wil may go
well with me, to the honour and
aduaancement of thy holy name,
that like as Jacob saide, thou
shouldest bee his God, so wee
knowing that in all things thou
art moze rich and plentifull unto
vs (a thousand fold) then we can
deserue, may for thy continuall
goodnes sing laude and praise unto
thy holy name, O God that
for ever liuest one in Tri-
nitie, and thre in
unitie.

Amen.

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A godly prayer to be vsed at all
times.

O Most mercifull father from
thy holye Sanctuarie looke
downe I beseech thee vpon me,
and behold me poore wretche that
am oppressed with the bur-
then of daily sinne and bewrap-
ped in the bondes of mortal mis-
erie,prisoned in the fetters of ori-
ginall wickednes, and having in
mine owne bodie the traiterous
affections of concupiscence, al-
way conspiring to betraye my
soule into the handes of the ad-
uersarie,behold me(I say)in the
bright beames of thy louing coun-

countenance with thy eye of
mercy, see into the troubles of my
spirit, & lay thine eare vnto the
mournefull grones of the same,
my soule howleth out vnto thee,
euen from the gulph of deepe ca-
lamities pressed with the prouinc-
ion of temporall thinges, vrged
with the spitefull watching of
the hatefull, pricked with the pre-
sumptuous pride of worldy be-
nefites, and wounded with the
venomous dart of Adams trans-
gression: my battailes are full of
difficulties, my victories compas-
sed with treason, and my dwel-
lings in the dores of death. O
my God what felicitie can thy
poore seruant finde in this irke-

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some life? O what comfort can
bring sufficient reliefe to the af-
flicted spirite, but the true plat-
forme of our pathes, and the
swete scope of our pilgrimage,
euен Iesus Christ thy dearely
beloued sonne our sauour. Wher-
fore I poore sinner humbly be-
seech thee not to tarrie long, or
deserre my deliverance from this
wearie iourney. Let not my
soule alway be clad with mour-
ning, and my bones wither with
anguish, thou Lorde hast created
me of nothing, and thou gauest
me life in my mothers wombe.
Thou hast chosen mee to bee of
thine, and thou hast giuen me thy
holye spirite the testimonie: O
deare

deare father, let not thy graces
be in me in vaine, let me not bee
ouerwhelmed with the iniquities
of this troublesome worlde: but
preuent me with the extended
force of thy right hand, and saue
my soule O God, my rocke of
strength: Behold not that which
is amisse in mee, neither let my
simes and infirmitie make sepa-
ration betweene thy mercie and
me: drive out, or at the least wise,
hold downe in mee the cruel sting
of raging concupisence, by the
increasing might of thy holy spi-
rite, imprese in my heart a feare
of thy lawes, and instruct mee so
to number my daies that I may
applie my self wholie to thy sta-
tutes.

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tutes. Also (O most mercifal fa-
ther) as the doze of thy mercy is
alwaies open, and as thou wilte
neuer refuse humble suetes of thy
seruants: heare me O Lorde in
my earnest petition, for thy little
Church of England let me neuer
see it gouerned againe with the
mistic cloade of deepe ignozance,
suffer me neuer to see thy holye
temple & sanctuarie defiled with
the beastly superstition & blas-
phemous idolatrie of Antichrist:
strike not the lampe out of our
hands in thy wrath, and so make
vs go groping in palpable dark-
nes: I must needs confesse (O
deare father) that the multitude
of our sinnes (which are growen
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in such ripenes) do worthily deserue thy grieuous plagues, euen from the highest to the lowest, we haue all gone astray, and proudly breaking our allegiance, haue disobeyed thy preceptes. But yet (O mightie Ichouah who admittest dust and ashes to speake vnto thee) heare thy pooze seruant I beseech thee, euen with the teares of a sorrowfull heart, appease thine anger, holde thy heauie rod, shew not the violl of wrath vpon vs in thy furie, let not thy spirite bee moued with man, because he is but flesh, correct vs not in thine anger, least we be consumed and brought to nothing, but convert vs O Lord

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and we shal be converted, change
vs and we shall be changed, for
thine elects sake O father, spare
this Real ne of Englannde. De-
ferre the day of reuenge, and so
much more plenteously poure thy
precious spirit into the hearts of
thy children, whiche now alreadie
seele thy fatherly calling, that
they with all speede making hast
into thy vinearde, maye pain-
fully sweat in dunging, earthing
and priming the trees, to the in-
crease of thy vintage to the glory
of thy holy name. Lord heare me
I beseech thee, & so kindle in the
hearts of thy children, the loue of
thy law, & zeale of true professi-
on: that we may walke together
in

in all brotherly admonition and
christian exhortation, that we all
strive to go before others in god-
ly zeale, and flourish in the fruits
of perfect faith: That we vse not
our libertie to the infirming of
the weake, but euery one burne
in desire to winne a soule vnto
thee. Finally, that our stedfast
going forsward and continual in-
crease may be to the strength-
ning of the weake & comfort of
the strong: to the sifting out of
Wolues, & defence of the Lambs
to the shynning credite of thy
Church and finall confusion of
Antichrist, that so turning from
vs thy heauie displeasure, and
vnbending the bow of thy wrath

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thou maiest imbrace vs in thy
armes of mercy, where gayning
the fruition of thy fauour, in all
patience and thanksgiving wee
may expect the day of our libertie
which we shall one day obtaine,
by the dissolution of this life, and
entrance into that vnspeakable
rest, that Christ our saviour hath
purchased and entred into by his
preuous bloud, to whome with
the father and the holy spi-
rite, be all praise and
thanksgiving for
ever, Amen.

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Godly meditations to be vsed
at all times.

O Eternall God and heauenly
father, whose wisdome and
power is infinite, and yet whose
mercy surmounteth all in whom
all creatures haue their being,
and from whome all goodnes
floweth as from a fountaine: I
humbly beseech thee giue eare vnto
the groaning requestes of my
spirit, and pitie the salt streames
that (for the sight and sence of
mine own infirmities) flow from
the inwardes of my consuming
heart. And also I aske nothing
but that which soundeth to the

glory

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glorie of thy holpe name and to
the credit of thy Church: shewe
thy selfe O father as willing, as
able, that my spirit being resrel-
shed & my heart receiving com-
fort, I may holde fast the reioy-
sing of my hope, with a sound &
settled conscience to the end.

Against temptation.

O Thou maker of heauen and
earth, deliuer mee from the
continuall and most daungerous
assaultes of Sathan who priui-
ly layeth baites and secretly dig-
getteth pittes for my soule, leauing
nothing vnattempted, that might
worke my destruction, and I fee-
ling

ling my selfe nothing but a masse
of infirmitieS, and readie to de-
cline at euery stroke that hee gi-
ueth, cannot but mistrust my self
altogether, and wholly flying
vnto the sea of thy mercy, power,
and wisdome, do beseech the vn-
cessant supply of thy gisS, in the
continuall accessse of thy holy spi-
rite that in the throng of temp-
tations I may be delinuered and
stand victor in IesuS Christ.

For patience.

O Most louing Lord suffer mee
not to be tempted aboue my
micht:neither by affliction of bo-
die or soule, neither by whatsoe-
uer

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euer earthly penurie the enimie
would preesse me with, but euen
in the middest grant me patience
to suffer thy fatherlye trialles
thankefullye and without all
grudging, as worthily may be-
seeme the childe of so louing and
mercifull a father.

For increase offaith.

O God thou creato; of all man-
kind, increase my faith, and
purge me of vnbelieve, that I al-
way calling to minde thy won-
derfull louing worke of our re-
demption may with all boldnes
of spirite in the bloud of Iesu
Christ so apply thy comfortable
promi-

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promises, to the salving of my
sores as that in v^eng of the same
preious oyle of thy grace, I may
alwayes feare to make waste
thereof.

For sanctification.

O Thou mightie God of Isra-
ell, graunt me such an vnder-
standing heart and so instruct my
sences to be studious and capa-
ble of thy heauenly mysteries,
that according to the right rule
and perfect platiforme of thy pro-
uident direction, I may loue in
all singleness and humilitie of
heart, as a feeling member of
Christ Jesus, suffer in him mu-
tually

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tually and fructifie in all aboun-
dance of godly life to thy honor.

For temporall benefits.

O Father of all mercies so mo-
derate thy mercifull hand in
blessing me with the benefites of
this tempozall maintenance that
neither through abundance, old
Adam may set vp his fether; nor
yet thy vertues be in me through
scarcitie obscured.

For thankfulnes,

O Thou comforter of the com-
fortlesse, rend out of my heart
all fleshy thornes and impedi-
ments.

ments, that would at any time incline me to forget thy goodness or neglect to serue thee, and giue me an heart alwaies affected to honour thee, a munde cuer meditating vpon thy mercie, and a spirit burning with zeale of thy worship, that daily I may paye my bowes vnto thee, and speake to thy praise in the middest of the congregation.

For mortification and resolution.

O Most bounteous god, so mortifie olde Adam in my mem bers, and redouble the strength of the inner man, that despising this

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this momentaneous life, I may
not sticke in the ioy of any earth-
ly pleasure, or yeelde my selfe to
the delight of this preset life, but
alway refusing to endevor on my
selfe in an vncertainte hospidghe,
and knowing that I am here but
as a pilgrim, I may vnsew my
acquaintance with all things of
fickle stay, and fixe my heart, my
solace and delight, vpon the hope
of beholding the maiestie and
beautie of thy glory euuen as it is
where my ioy shall be full and
nothing Wanting for euer: which
ioyes as my sprite groeth to
see, so O Loyde I beseech thee
with expedition, finish thy good
workes in me, and shortly bring
to

to an end my sorrowfull dayes,
that my soule as a done may once
take her flight from this earthly
tabernacle, and being receiued in-
to the bosome of thy deare sonne
may be placed in that most hap-
pie rest which he hath purchased
for the same with the pris of his
most precious bloud: to whome
with thee O father and the euer-
lasting comforter be al praise, do-
minion and power for euermore
ascribed. Amen.

A Prayer against the feare of
death.

O Eternall God, my most lo-
uing and mercifull father, I
S praise

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praise and gloriſe theſe euen from
the depth of my infirme heart, for
all the benefites and riches of thy
goodnes beſtowed vpon me, from
the beginning of my life, vnto
this preſent time: but especially
for thy blesſings of my election,
redemption, vocation, iuſtificati-
on and ſanctification in Ieſus
Chriſt, in all which thou haſt in
part taken me out of this world,
and giuen mee the pledge of thy
holy ſpirit, whiſh wiſtneſſeth vnto
my ſpirit that I am thy childe,
thou haſt (I ſay) giuen mee the
earneſt peny of my ſaluation, and
whiſt I was yet thine enemie
haſt reconciled me in Chriſt, pe-
thou tookeſt me out of the blinde-
dun-

dungeon of carelesse ignorance
to serue thee in simplicitie, to feare
thee in loue, and to call vpon thee
in spirit & truth, and in all these
(most louing father) hast thou
made me procede and profit vnto
this present day, wherein hap-
pily thy good pleasure seemeth to
incline me towardes the greatest
benefite that euer I yet tasted,
that is, Wholly to free mee from
all the miseries of this present
life, and to bring me to that hea-
uenly libertie where my ioy shall
be full, and no taste of mixture
with bitternes. Now therefore
deare father, for Iesus Christ
his sake I beseech thee, respect
me thy vwoorthy seruant & as al-

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times

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times of my life thou hast fater-
ly fedde, nourished, preserued, &
defended me : so nowe in my last
neede visit & regard me : that as
the enimie will nowe with all
rage bend his force against me, so
thou with thy faterly & migh-
tie protection, by thy holy spirite
wilt comfort mee, and with the
comfortable presence of thy ma-
iestie, strengthē me, that my faith
still increasing with arned pati-
ence I may despise the feare of
this bodies death, knowing that
it is the vnauoidable way that
thy god pleasure hath apointed,
to do away our mortalitie, and
to bring vs to those ioyes,
which thy unspeakable prouidence
hath

hath ordained vs vuto, without
all deseruynge on our parts, teach
me now therefore so to number
my dayes that I may applye my
heart vnto thy wisedome, teach
me (swaete Loerde) as heretofore
to liue, so now to frame to dye to
thy glorie, wherunto I pooze
wretch, doe with a sighing heart
beseech thee never to forslake mee
with thy holy spirite, but that
mine vnderstanding may alwaye
be lightned with the feeling of
mine owne infirmitie, so that in
all perfect humilitie I may ffe
from the mind of all earthly stay,
and cleaving inseparably to thy
promises, and apprehending my
saluation with sure hope, I may

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expect the dissolution: so behol-
ding thy maestic with the cleare
eyes of my faith, I may grow, as
by degrees, weaker in bodie, so
fuller and stronger in the spiri-
tuall bodie or inner man: so that
when the last breath hath passed,
my soule may ioyfully respire the
triumphant odors of an endles
life, in the bosome of Abraham
with all thy saints: whereto ha-
sten mee, O deare louing father
eu'en for Jesus Christ his sake
our saviour, to whom with thee
and the holy ghost be all power,
glorie and dominion nowe
and for euer.
Amen.

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A Prayer to be said in
affliction.

O Thou onely wise God, and
most louing and mercifull fa-
ther, I thy unworthy seruant, do
humblye beseech thee to looke
downe from heauen, and beholde
the wounded hart of him whom
thou hast striken and visited, ac-
cording to the good pleasure of
thy will, and because man in his
owne nature is nothing but
blindnes and follye before thee,
and therefore cannot possibly
conceiue rightly of the thinges
that are aboue, it may therefore
please theo according to thy won-

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ted mercie towardes mee, to re-
new and refresh thy spirite in thy
seruant, that the same instructing
my heart in true wisedome, and
feare of thee, whereby I maye
willingly and obediently stidy
thy commaundements, and exer-
cise my selfe in thy Statutes I
may come to the vnderstanding
of mine owne euils, and feele the
cause of thy scourge, that so my
wound being laide open to mine
eyes, I may deserre no tyme to
seeke the salue to heale it: My
good God heare the voice of thy
seruaunt that cryeth vnto thee,
consider my complaintes and
weigh my inward wo conceiued
thzough hate of mine own infi-
nities,

mities, for I flye from my selfe
as from an vnwalled Castle, and
I feare all my footinges as
though I walked on thornes. O
Lord therefore deale not with me
in thy displeasure, neither let my
sinnes separate thy fauour from
me, but quicken mee in my afflic-
tions, and make mee ware wiser
by thy punishmentes, giue me such
a feeling of my infirmities, and so
perfect a perseuerance of my
great negligences in seruing of
thee as that I may whollie dis-
pose my selfe to a contrary order,
and thereunto so ioyne the in-
crease of thy grace and strength-
ning spirite, as I may bee able
thereby to perfourme thy race in

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that good way, which thy goodnes hath moued me to. And that I may not be a vaine beholder of thy works, a momentaneous bewer of thy graces, but diligently noting the effectuall working of thy wisedome, and making due obseruations of thy profitable exercises in thy children, I may locke them in the closet of my heart, and make store of them for mine owne uses in the times of my tryall, in which times also O merciful father be neare vnto me with thy ioysfull countenance, and open my eyes of faith to beholde thy loue, so that I be not too much shakien by the enemis assaultes, but may be furnished from

from thee, both with abilitie, constancie, and patience to giue him both his daily and small repulse and ouerthow, which that I may do to the greater credit of thy church, and increase of thy kingdome: make O sweete Lorde (now and the rather for that I haue had triall of my enimie his sleights alreadie) me thy seruant to arise out of all the fethers of sloth, and never to trust hereafter to the trecherie of the enimie, but to stande warily vpon my gard, and never to descend from the watchtower of my health, but there night and daye to vse the counsel of thy spirit, & to exercise my selfe in the spirituall weapons

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pons of my saluation, that when
I haue spent my yonthful dayes
in the vigilant watch of my
charge, as thy mercie and louing
kindnes shall enable mee, when
thy sonne our generall shall come
to take account, I may be endued
with the daies of rest, which he
hath purchased for mee with the
price of his most precious bloud,
and receiue at his hands the pri-
uiledged rod of libertie for euer.
The loue of our good God that
created vs, the grace of our Lord
Jesus who hath redeemed vs,
and the assistant fellowship of the
holy Ghost who hath sanctified
vs, gouerne and continue with
vs euen all thy Israel for euer.

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Before we receiue the Lords supper, it shal be profitable thus to meditate.

ALL the righteousnes that maye rise vnto man, or can be in vs, we haue it neither fro the East, nor from the West, but from the body of Christ, neither is there in the world any other sanctification, so that all we that be here this day, and all people els of the world, except we knowe perfect manhood, and our own nature to be really vnted to the person of the sonne of God, who hath sanctified himself for vs, there is no sanctificatiō for vs vnder heauē.

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Euen as our handes and armes
and other members are not nou-
rished but onely by the meate re-
ceiuued by the head, so our spiritu-
all meate of righteousnes & life
is not gien vs but from our
head Iesus Christ. And as the
veines are meanes by which nou-
rishment is conuigned to euery
part, so faith is the meanes by
which we receiuue from Christ al
that is healthfull vnto vs. And
as by ioyntes and sinewes our
members are reallye knitt and
made a body vnto the head, so re-
allye, truely and in deede, by one
spirit we be knit vnto Christ as
perfectly and substancialy made
one with him as our members
are

are one with our head.

A Prayer before the receiuing
of the Lords supper.

O Almichtie God and my most
mercifull father , in wonder-
full mercie (I acknowledge) it
hath pleased thee to purge mee
vnworthy wretch by the bloudy
passion of thy sonne, from all my
sinnes, to haue adopted mee thy
childe, and giuen mee the earnest
of my saluation , touching my
heart, with an infallible feeling
of thy mercies, and settled confi-
dence in thy promises: in the ioy-
full commemoration of which
thy vnspeakable blessings , my
soule

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soule is nowe thirstingly entred
into thine house , to take the
wholesome cup of saluation, and
to call vpon thy holy name, giue
me now therefore O Lord a wise
and vnderstanding heart, that I
may conceiue rightly of thy sa-
cred mysteries, discerne them se-
cretly, and receiue them effectu-
ally to the perfect consummation
and finishing of that happy buil-
ding whiche thy worshie goodnes
hath begunne in me, yea vntill I
be come to the measure of the age
and fulnes of my Lord and sanc-
tuarie Jesus Christ, vnto whome
with thee O father and the ha-
ly ghost be all power and domi-
nion for euer. Amen.

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A prayer to be vsed in the
time of sicknes.

O Saviour of the woylde, if it
be thy most holie and blessed
will, saue, keepe and defende me,
whom by thy crosse and preuous
bloud thou hast redwyned, helpe
me poore wretch and miserable
sinner, that now am visitid with
this grætious, weake, and bodily
sicknes whiche I haue woy-
thiue deserued as a iust rewarde
of my wicked offences. O my
Lord I humbly beseech thee, that
thou wolt graunt mee a patient
& thankfull heart, that I may
neuer grudge against thy holy
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will and louing correction, but to
suffer obedietly whatsoeuer shall
be thy good will and pleasure to
lay vpon me, & when the paines
of my sickenes are most grieuous
that thou wile then adde vnto
my force, and euuen at that instant
increase my faith and constant
patience, that the paines of my
flesh quench not the efficacie of
thy spirit, but let my spirit sweet
Lord be so wrapt vp, in the con-
sideration of the comfortable end
of my visitation, and in behol-
ding of thy sweete countenance,
that being as it were swallowed
vp in spirituall ioy, I may con-
temne the paines of this flesh in
respect thereof: And for the at-
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taining of my health in this life
(O swete Lord) I take no care,
so that thy good pleasure be ther-
in fulfilled, for if thou wylt I lue
and recouer of this my bodily in-
firmite, I haue iust cause to bee
thankiesfull vnto thee therefore:
and if thy wisedome hath nowe
determined to finish in me these
dayes of linne, I haue dorable
cause to poure forth the teares of
a melting heart for ioy, not be-
cause I would leauie these dayes
of paine and sorrow (which my
linne ten thousand times double
deserueth) but that I woulde
cease to displease so deare a Lord
and louing a father, and that be-
ing transpoyted into that hea-

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uenly life of thy immortall chil-
dren I may praise and serue thee
in that sweete societie of angels,
where the burthen of this flesh
shall finde no place to encumber
me for ever. Thither therefore ^o
father, if thy wisdome haue so
determined speedily conduct mee,
in the meane time make that this
my bodily affliction may conduce
to thy glorie on earth, & my sal-
uation in heauen, by the conduct
of thy holie spirite through Ie-
sus Christ my onely aduo-
cate and mediatour.

Amen.

Godly

Godly petitions to be vsed of
euery christian.

My god, accept thy most vn-
wortheir seruant here humbly
falling downe before thee, I ac-
knowledge thy great mercies,
and (in sundry sort) thy extended
goodnes towardes mee, yet in
feare of mine owne frailtie, I left-
soones present my selfe before
thy maiestie, to looke fauourably
on me alwaies and to open mine
eyes more clearly to see thy ma-
iestie, for the little taste that thou
hast giuen me, hath perswaded
me alreadie that thou art swete,
yea and the more that I discerne

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thy sweetnes, the more I see also
my vncleanenes: the knowledge
of the^e therefore (I confesse) is
the leader of saluation, for the
consideration of thy greatness
maketh mee despise my basenes,
and thy partie, my filthines: and
thy wonderfull goodnes, my
monstrous vnworthines. For
giue me then O Lord my sinnes
and let them not holde backe thy
bounteous hande now begunne
to be opened towardes mee, (I
say begunne my Lord because my
selfe hath but now begunne to see
it: giue mee a wise vnderstan-
ding heart, and sende me know-
ledge from aboue, drue from my
milde the mistes of fleshly dark-
nes,

ness, and make me capable of thy
heauenly riches, fill my mouth
with good things, for I will s-
pen it to receiue of thy blessings.
Let me not dye but liue and de-
clare the praises of my Lorde,
why hast thou made mee, but to
glorifie thee? Why hast thou en-
lightened me, but to loue thee?
yea, why hast thou redeemed me,
but to saue me? And for what
cause hast thou sanctified my
heart, but to make me fit for those
good thinges that thou purpo-
sest to bestow on mee? O sweete
father, thy loue is not to be ex-
pressed: Now therefore goe for-
warde, and cease not with thy
poore servant, perfourme that

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good buslding which thy spirite
hath begunne in mee , thou hast
made mee thirst for thy righte-
ousnes , replenish now therefore
my heart with gladnes , make
my flesh to vanish, and the newe
Adam to rise vp in strength:that
I may be discrete in my waies,
& stande in the continuall search
of thy iudgements. And when
thy mercie thus hath enlarged
me, as a full cloud, so shall I de-
clare thy kindnes, and as the sa-
uour of Myrh so shall my lippes
send vp thy praises. Blessed bee
the Lorde who hath hidden these
thinges from the wise of the
worlde, and reucaled the way of
righteousnes vnto the simple.

Lord

Lord I thy handmaide or sonne
of thy handmaid will attend vpon
thy will, and repose my selfe
vnder the shadow of thy wings
both day and night. Thou art
my wisedome, my power, my
beautie, my strength, my riches,
my glorie, my king, my God and
my saluation. The grace of God
the father, the peace of Christ
Jesus our saviour, through the
comfortable fellowship of the ho-
ly spirite, be with me, preserue &
keepe me this day, this
night, and euer-
more. Amen.

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A godly prayer to be said
at all times.

O Eternall God & most migh-
tie king of maiestie, how can
I hide my selfe from thy presence
or with what cloake or pretence
might I couer my shame from
the pearcing sight of thine eye,
since I haue nothing O Lorde
but a guiltie conscience, intolle-
rably pressed with the heany bur-
then of sinne, by which I am al-
most driven to the dooze of dis-
paire, if thy mighty hand stay me
not I fell, and if thy wischedeme
prouide not for me I am alwaies
in danger. The sorrowes of my
heart

heart are enlarged, for my daies
consume in sinne, and the graue
gapeth to receiue mee, before I
gaine the gift of loue: Unrighte-
ousnes raigneth as a king in this
my corruptible bodie, and concu-
piscence deceiueth my sight till I
bee entrapped: verily when I
come to sight I wonder that
thou didst not destroy mee, say-
ing, O lord who is able to num-
ber his sinnes, or what soule is
righteous in thy sight, shall man
strive with God, who can say I
will be sauued sith thou art iust:
Why diddest thou not cutte my
thredes whilest I prouoked thee,
why diddest not thou send me to
the inheritance of the wicked,
but

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but thus thou vset to comfort
thy children in their great neces-
sitie, and my soule had perished
but for this reliefe long agoe,
therefore crye I vnto thee from
the depth of my heart, take mee
not away (O god) in my sinnes,
neither let me reape the portion
of the wicked : thou hast shewed
me the dayes of comfort, and of-
ten deliuered my soule from the
Lion. And because thou in thy
great mercie hast let mee see this
goodnes and also made me to re-
ioyce therein, increasing light af-
ter a darkenes, and doubling ioy
to my paine. I will never cease
O deare father to call vpon thee
in my afflictions, and to looke for
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the good houre in my daunger,
increase my faith and settle mee
in the knowledge of thy will,
Plenteously blesse mee with thy
grace, and let thy spirite bee my
protector, for miserie O Lord is
threatened vnto the chldren, and
ruyne to the faith of the young-
lings ; no place is safe from the
rage of thy aduersaries, but thou
art the God of might, and hast
power to preserue our peace. Oh
if I might aske the death of this
old Adam, so that all concupis-
cence might vanish as a swoake,
then sure (saye I) I woulde
wholly be exercised in the law of
my God, and at all times would
I sing praises vnto his name,
but



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but I will not presume aboue
thy seruaunt Paul whome thy
wisedome thus aunswered, my
grace is sufficient for thee, thus
will I beseech thee whyle I liue,
that this balme of thy grace,
may alwaies be poured fresh in-
to my woundes, that even in my
infirmitieS, I may euer game a
doteable reioycing, and that the
most subtile assaultes of the ad-
uersarie may alwaies fall out to
be his souleſt faille, & my weake-
nes my wisedome, by the renew-
ing of thy grace, and enlightning
my spirite with the sweete balme
of thy louing countenaunce,
through thy most tender mercie
in the purchase of thy beloved
sonne



sonne our deare sauour Christ
Iesu, vnto whom with thee and
the holy spirite be all power and
dominion for euermore. Amen.

A Prayer for women with
childe.

O Eternall God & most mer-
cifull father, who notwithstanding
my manifold and grie-
uous offences hast of thy grati-
ous goodness in mariage made
me fruitfull, which I take as
thy great blessings and benefites
bestowed vpon mee, beseeching
thee now most humbly to helpe
mee thy poore handmaiden, in
these grieuous paines of trauaile
and



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and childe birth. Thou hast wil-
led vs to call vpon thee in all our
needes and necessities , and hast
promised in thy great mercies
neuer to faile them that call vp-
on thee, helpe me now wretched
sinner in these intollerable paims
that I may ouercome them with
patience , & euermore praise thy
maiestie. Comfort mee with thy
holpe spirite that I sinke not vn-
der this heauie burthen: And as
graciously thou hast blessed mee
hitherto from time to time in gi-
uing mee chilzen so mercifullie,
sanctifie them to thy vse , and in-
crease of thy congregatiōn. And
as hereby I feele thy heauie
iudgements vpon mee for sinne,
in



in feeling those grieuous paines,
and am put in minde of the olde
disobedience of our parents A-
dam and Eve, (the verie cause of
these punishmentes) lighting
iustly vpon mee being a braunch
of that poysoned stocke. So O
deare father let mee feele againe
thy mercie, who through thy be-
loued sonne hast wrought my
deliuerance from the punishment
of that disobedience, to wit from
sinne , death and damnation , so
that now my transgressions are
remoued from me, the damnable
sinne of my filthie concupisence,
by nature is turned into a sancti-
fied blessing, and wee both made
heires of euerlastynge glorie, helpe

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me therefore O God of comfort
and giue me safe deliuernace, that
I may dedicate that whiche thou
hast gien me wholly to thy ser-
uice. I knowe Lord that as many
as thou hast taken to thy selfe,
to them thou hast gien this ho-
nour that they be made thy chil-
dren and belouers of thy name
which are not begotten of bloud,
nor of the lust of the flesh, nor of
the desire of man but of thy selfe,
whom thou fashionest according
to thy wi. Thou therfore which
hast promised not onely to be my
God but the God of my seede,
seale this assurance of thy electi-
on in this fruit of my womb, to
the glory of thy name, mine own
com-

comfort and the benefite of thy
church. Graunt these things O
father, for Jesus Christ his sake
to whom with thee and the holy
Ghost be all honor and glorie.
Amen.

A Prayer made for the Church
and all the states thereof.

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Lord Jesus Christ, sonne of
the liuing god, who was cru-
cified for our sinnes, & did rise a-
gaine for our iustification, and
ascending vp to heauen raignest
now at the right hand of thy fa-
ther, with full power & authori-
tie ruling & disposing all things

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according to thine own gracious
and glorious purpose, we sinfull
creatures, and yet seruants and
members of thy church, doe pro-
strate our selues and our pray-
ers before thy imperial Maestey,
hauing no other patron nor ad-
uocate to spedde our futes, or to
resort vnto, but thee alone, besee-
ching thy goodness to be good to
thy poore church militant here in
this wretched earth, sometimes a
rich church, a large church, an u-
niuersal church, spread farre and
wide through the whole compas
of the earth, nowe driven into a
narrow corner of the world, and
hath much neede of thy gracious
helpe. First the Turke with his
sword,

swoord, what lands, nations and countries, what empires, kingdomes & prouinces, with cities innumerable hath he wonne, not from vs, but from them: where thy name was wont to be muocated, thy word preached, thy sacraments administered: there nowe raigneth barbarous Mahomet, with his filthie Alcoran. The flourishing churches in Asia, the learned churches in Grecia, the manisolle churches in Africa, which were wont to serue thee, nowe are gone from thee. The seauen churches of Asia, with their candlestickes (whom thou diddest so well forswarne) are nowe remoued. All the churches

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where thy diligent Apostle S.
Paul, thy Apostle Peter, and
John and other Apostles so la-
boriously traueilled, preaching &
writing to plant thy Gospel, are
now gone frō the gospel. In the
kingdome of Syria, Palestina,
Arabia, Persia, in all Armenia,
and the Empire of Capadocia,
through the whole compasse of
Asia, with Egypt and Africa al-
so vnles amongst the far Ethio-
pians some old steps of christia-
nitie peraduenture yet doe re-
maine) either else all Asia, and
Africa thy church hath not one
foote of free lande, but all is tur-
ned either to infidelitie or to cap-
tuittie, wherelsoever pertaineth to
thee.

thee. And if Asia and Afric only decayed, the decay were great, but yet the defection were not so vniuersall. Nowe in Europe a great part also is shunke from thy Church. All Thracia with the Empire of Constantinople, all Grecia, Epirus, Illyricum, & now of late all the kingdoms almost of Hungaria, with much of Austria, with lamentable slaughter of Christian bloud, is wasted and all become Turkes.

Only a little angle of the west partes yet remaineth in some profession of thy name. But here alacke, commeth another mischief as great, or greater than the other. For the Turke with his

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sword is not so cruel, but the Bi-
shop of Rome on the other side
is more fierce & bitter against vs,
stirring vp his Bishops to burn
vs, his confederates to conspire
our destruction, setting kings a-
gainst their subiects, and subiects
disloyally to rebell against their
Princes, and all for thy name.
Such dissencion and hostilitie
Sathan hath set amongst vs,
that Turkes be not more eni-
mies to Christians, than Chri-
stians to Christians, & papists to
protestants: yea protestants with
protestants do not agree but fall
out for trifles. So that the poore
little flocke of thy church distrel-
led on every side, hath neither rest
with-

without nor peace within, nor place almost in the world where to abide, but many cri now from the earth, euen as thine owne reverence cryed once fro the crose,
My God, why hast thou forsa-
ken mee.

Amongst vs Englishmen here in England, after so great stormes of persecution, and cruell mur-
ther of so many Martyrs, it hath pleased thy grace to giue vs these Alcion daies, which yet we en-
ioye, and beseech thy mercifull goodness still they may continue. But here also alack what should we say? So manie enimies we haue that enuie vs this rest and tranquilitie, and do what they

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can to disturbe it. They which be
friends, and louers of the bishop
of Rome, although they eate the
fat of the land, and haue the best
preferments and offices, and liue
most at ease and aile nothing: yet
are they not therewith content.
They grudge, they mutter and
murmure, they conspire and take
on against vs. It fretteth them
that wee liue by them or with
them, and cannot abide that wee
shoulde drawe the bare breathing
of the ayre, when they haue all
the most libertie of the land. And
albeit thy singular goodnes hath
giuen them a Queene, so calme,
so patient, so mercifull, more like
a naturall mother then a princes
to

to gouerne ouer them , such as
neither they , nor their ancestors
euer read of in the stories of this
land before : yet all this will not
calme them : their briquet spirite
is not yet content , they repine &
rebell , and needes wold haue
with the frogs of Esope a Cico-
nia , an Italian stranger , the Bi-
shop of Rome , to play Rex ouer
them , and care not if al the world
were set on fire , so they with
their Italian Lord might raigne
alone . So fond are we English
men of strange & forraine things :
so unnaturall to our selues : so
greedy of newfangled nouelties ,
neuer contented with any state
long to continue , be it neuer so
good :

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good: and furthermore so cruell
one to another that we think our
life not quiet vntile it be sea-
ned with the bloud of other. For
that is their hope , that is their
golden day, their day of Jubiley
which they thurst for so much,
not to haue the Lorde to come in
the clouds, but to haue our bloud
and to spill our lues.

That, that is it which they
would haue, a long since woulde
haue had their wiles vpon vs,
had not thy gracious pitie and
mercieraised vp to vs this our
mercifull Queene , thy seruaunt
Elizabeth, somewhat to stay their
furie. For whome as wee most
condignly giue thee most heartie
thanks

thankes, so likewise wee beseech
thy heauenly Maiestie, that as
thou hast giuen her vnto vs, and
hast from so manifold daungers
preserued her before shee was
Queene: so nowe in her royall e-
state shes may continually be pre-
serued not only from their hands
but from all malignant deuises
wrought, attempted, or conceiued
of the enimies, both ghostly and
bodily against her. In this her
gouernment be her gouernor we
beseech thee. So shall her Ma-
iestie well gouerne vs, if first she
be gouerned by thee. Multiply
her raigne with manie daies, and
her yeares with much felicitie,
with abundance of peace, & life
ghostly

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ghostly. That as shee hath nowe
doubled the yeares of her sister,
and brother, so (if it be thy pica-
sure) she may ouergrow in raign-
ing the raigne of her father.

And because no gouernement
can long stande without good
counsell, neither can any counsell
be good except it be prospered by
thee, blesse therefore wee beseech
thee, both her maiestie, and her
honourable counsell, that both
they rightly maye understande
what is to be done, & shee accor-
dingly may accomplish that they
do counsell, to thy glorie and
furtherance of thy Gospell, and
publike wealth of this realme.

In generall, giue to all the peo-
ple

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ple and the whole state of this
Realme such brotherly unitie in
knowledge of thy truth and such
obedience to their superiours, as
they neither prouoke the scourge
of God against them, nor the
Princesse sworde to be drawn a-
gainst her will out of the scabard
of long sufferance, where it hath
been long hid, especially giue thy
gospel long continuâce amongst
vs. And if our sinnes haue deser-
ued the contrary, graunt we be-
seach thee with an earnest repen-
tance of that which is past, to
ioyne a heartie purpose
of amendment to
come.

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